



**Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Lois Davies
Alison Hughes (Vice Chair)
John Lenchak
Elaine Martini
Jo-anne Spitzer
Marilyn Williams

Other Attendees: Phillip Rose, Manager, Cultural Services
Gregory Peri, Accessibility Advisor
Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Members introduced themselves.

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by John Lenchak

Seconded by Marilyn Williams

1. That Alison Hughes be appointed as Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).

Carried

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Elaine Martini

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 13, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Cultural Services; Re: Public Art Strategy

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum regarding the ongoing development of the Public Art Strategy and noted that consultation will be held with the Committee for future public art projects as required.

The Committee had no comments or questions.

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Public Art Strategy be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Public Art Strategy be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) 28 Sunday Drive

Staff provided an overview of the site plan application for the subject property including comments to be submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the application and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for (1) relocation of the barrier-free parking spots preferably closer to the building, (2) installation of accessible washrooms on the second floor, and (3) additional clearance space from the main entrances.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Marilyn Williams

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) 28 Sunday Drive be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application SP-2024-09 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026

[\(Link to Multi-Year Accessibility Plan\)](#)

Staff provided an update on the following matters:

- National AccessAbility Week 2025 - availability of ParaSport Try-it days and sensory programming during the week
- Aurora Sport Plan Update - the plan was recommended at the February 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to adopt staff recommendations
- Yonge Street Multi-use Path - an open house was conducted on January 14, 2025 and various path options were presented to residents
- Aurora Town Parking Study - an introductory meeting was held to review the current Town owned on and off-street parking use
- Fleury Park - an open house was held on January 15, 2025 and review of the park design and accessible features was presented to the residents
- Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (S.A.R.C) Parking Study - an introductory meeting was held to review the current S.A.R.C parking lot use
- AccessNow Trails and Playgrounds Assessments - assessments of 95% of Town trails has been completed; assessment of playgrounds will be held throughout 2025-2026
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - training was administered to all staff
- Aurora Town Square - installation of listening device at the customer service desk, purchasing wheelchair for the customer service staff for public assistance, and changes in accessible seating online booking process

The Committee and staff further discussed about the possibility of improving accessibility along the Yonge Street corridor specifically on the

east side, and suggested that accessibility seating be marked when possible at Town Square events.

Moved by Lois Davies

Seconded by Alison Hughes

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 to 2026 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by John Lenchak

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Carried