



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

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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

Other Attendees: Gregory Peri, Accessibility Advisor
Julia Shipcott, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

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

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 Alison Hughes
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 December 10, 2025

Moved by Marilyn Williams
Seconded by Alison Hughes

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Town Hall Parking - 30 Percent Design

Staff, with assistance of an Aurora Town Hall and Seniors Centre Parking Lot Rehabilitation rendering, outlined the plan's 30 percent design features and spoke to the objective of incorporating the proposed Community Reflection Space south-west of Town Hall into the east portion of the parking lot redesign. Staff noted the redesign will address grading issues across the parking lot, as well as relocating and increasing the quantity of regular parking spaces by 17 spots and ensuring all barrier-free parking is *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (A.O.D.A.)* compliant,

providing safe cross-walk routes between the two facilities as well as to the trail access point, incorporating accessible drop-off zones in front of the Seniors Centre, and improving ease of navigation through the parking lot.

The Committee inquired whether Seniors Centre programming could be adjusted to avoid excessive use on particular days, whether covered parking might be provided to barrier-free parking spots and suggested the barrier-free parking spots at the Town Hall main entrance be relocated to adjacent to the entrance.

Staff and the Committee discussed accessibility concerns with regard to possible installation of a slope, and replacing Town Hall main entrance steps as part of the planned grading adjustments. As the rendering provided is unclear, staff will seek clarification.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Town Hall Parking – 30 Percent Design be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Town Hall Parking – 30 Percent Design be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

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

Staff provided an update of the 2022-2026 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, specifically noting the following items completed in 2025:

- 115 site plans were reviewed, although not all required presenting to the Committee.
- The Town reported compliance with the A.O.D.A. and the 2025 Accessibility Compliance Report was submitted to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (M.S.A.A.).

- The 2025 accessibility update was posted to the Town of Aurora website as per compliance.
- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan Status Report was presented to Committee of the Whole on February 11, 2026, reflecting some outstanding items which are expected to be completed with the implementation of a new Training Management System rolling out this year.
- A barrier-free shuttle service and parking spaces continue to be provided to ensure the Town's special events remain fully accessible.
- Additional barrier-free parking spaces will be provided at upcoming Municipal elections voting stations, as part of the accessibility election plan to be reviewed with the new Clerk in the coming weeks.
- 25 playground assessments were completed with AccessNow with the balance resuming in the spring. AccessNow will provide a report which will be shared with the Parks Department for reference when considering playground updates.
- Staff continue to advise from an accessibility perspective on various capital projects.

Additionally, staff discussed the 2027-2030 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan including the intention to hire a consultant and preparation for National Accessibility Week (beginning May 31) with Community Services and various community partners. Staff provided an update on the implementation of sensor parking currently under consideration as part of the Town-Wide Parking Study, and its benefit to provide advance notice of available accessible parking spots.

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by Elaine Martini

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

The Committee inquired about accessible scooter parking spots being made available adjacent to the Victoria Street entrance of the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Staff noted the continuation of committee meetings throughout the municipal election period and into early 2027, and provided notice of future capital projects and the opportunity to review the 2027-2030 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan by the Committee in the coming months.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Elaine Martini

Seconded by John Lenchak

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried