



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

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Rachelle Stinson (Chair)
Matthew Abas (Vice Chair)
Max Le Moine
John Lenchak
Jo-anne Spitzer

Members Absent: Hailey Reiss
Councillor John Gallo

Other Attendees: Lisa Hausz, Manager, Economic Development and Policy
Matthew Volpintesta, Senior Policy Planner, Land Use & Real Estate
Mat Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. 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*.

4. Receipt of the Minutes

4.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2021

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Max Le Moine

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Matters for Consideration

6.1 Memorandum from Senior Policy Planner; Re: Green Development Standards – Consultation

Staff provided an overview of the Green Development Standards (GDS) project toward the development and implementation of principles, within five major themes, to be applied to new development projects in Town. Staff briefly reviewed the economic, environmental and social benefits, accessible and sustainable design, project timeline, best practice review, and consultation. The consultant, Nadia Dowhaniuk, Head of Research, PRIME Strategy and Planning, was also present to answer questions.

The Committee and staff provided feedback regarding noise and light pollution, associating barrier-free parking with EV charging stations, inclusion of the Town's own accessibility standards and guidelines to be implemented in 2022, and integrating an accessible trail system that exceeds the minimum AODA standards.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Green Development Standards – Consultation be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Green Development Standards – Consultation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Manager, Economic Development and Policy; Re: Streetscape Needs Assessment Consultation

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and introduced the project consultants: Donna Hinde, Principal, Communication and Landscape Architecture; and Andrew Hooke, Project Manager; of The Planning Partnership. The consultants sought input from the Committee on streetscape elements and any concerns specifically related to the downtown core area from Yonge and Wellington Streets south to Church Street. The Committee and staff provided feedback and suggestions on various issues including: barrier-free access to businesses; overhead clearance guidelines; sidewalk barriers related to garbage, plowed snow and ice; snow plowed into accessible parking spaces; access to/from barrier-free parking spaces; traffic noise reduction; wayfinding signage; raised crosswalks; paving materials and maintenance; enclosed/covered moving walkway/ramp to parking lot; additional accessible parking on Yonge Street; banning heavy-truck turning at Yonge and Wellington; rolling curbs; sidewalk awnings for weather protection; service animal relief spots; and technology-related enhancements. Staff advised the Town's Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) are being finalized and would be shared with the consultant. Staff noted that **engageaurora.ca/downtownstreetscape** is available for further feedback and input.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Streetscape Needs Assessment Consultation be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Streetscape Needs Assessment Consultation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.3 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application OPA-2021-04, ZBA-2021-05, SP-2021-10 (Submission #1), 271 Holladay Drive

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and a further suggestion was made regarding consideration for: the provision of at least three barrier-free parking spaces on parking level 2.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Max Le Moine

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application OPA-2021-04, ZBA-2021-05, SP-2021-10 (Submission #1), 271 Holladay Drive be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application OPA-2021-04, ZBA-2021-05, SP-2021-10 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application SP-2021-11 (Submission #1), 25 and 29 George Street

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for: the provision of barrier-free access to the waste facilities; and a rear access to the elevator.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2021-11 (Submission #1), 25 and 29 George Street be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application SP-2021-11 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.5 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application ZBA 2021-04 and SP 2021-09 (Submission #1), 14700 and 14720-14760 Yonge Street

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for: the provision of additional barrier-free parking spaces for external units; and improved connectivity between buildings.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Matthew Abas

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application ZBA 2021-04 and SP 2021-09 (Submission #1), 14700 and 14720-14760 Yonge Street be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application ZBA 2021-04 and SP 2021-09 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.6 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application SP-2020-09 (Submission #2), 1588 St. John's Sideroad (Block 1)

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for: the relocation of the barrier-free parking spaces closer to the main entrance; sidewalk connectivity with the plaza network; and the addition of a four-way stop.

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Matthew Abas

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2020-09 (Submission #2), 1588 St. John's Sideroad (Block 1) be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application SP-2020-09 (Submission #2) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.7 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024

([Link to Accessibility Plan](#))

Staff gave an update on the draft Accessibility Plan 2022-2026 and future reporting timelines, noting a public consultation would be held on November 24, 2021, and requested that Committee members provide their feedback by November 19, 2021.

Staff provided an update on the progress of the Information and Communications Standard remediation project, noting that developers will have the choice between submitting acceptable accessible plans or submitting plans to the Town to be remediated for a fee.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Max Le Moine

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Carried