



Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Councillor Rachel Gilliland (Acting Chair)
Hailey Reiss (Vice Chair) (arrived 7:09 p.m.)
Matthew Abas
Max Le Moine
Rachelle Stinson

Members Absent: John Lenchak (Chair)
Jo-anne Spitzer

Other Attendees: Erin Hamilton, Sport and Community Development Specialist
Chiara Mabruzzo, Community Programmer
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.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Committee consented to Councillor Gilliland acting as Chair for the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Max Le Moine

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following added item, be approved:

- Item 6.5 – Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024

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 9, 2020

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Rachelle Stinson

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Matters for Consideration

6.1 Memorandum from Sport and Community Development Specialist; Re: Inclusion in Sport Manual

Erin Hamilton, Sport and Community Development Specialist, presented an overview of the background and purpose of the development of the Inclusion in Sport Manual as a resource for the local sport community and their staff. Chiara Mabrucco, Community Programmer, was also in attendance to answer any questions from the Committee.

The Committee and staff provided feedback on their appreciation of the Manual and content, and suggestions regarding consistency of language, text and image styling, person-first language, its potential as a school resource, and gender identify.

Moved by Matthew Abas
Seconded by Max Le Moine

1. That the memorandum regarding Inclusion in Sport Manual be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Inclusion in Sport Manual be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Input and Comments for Site Plan Application SP-2019-01 (Submission #3)

Staff provided an overview of the comments submitted to the Planner by the Accessibility Advisor on behalf of the Committee. The Committee reviewed the site plan and inquired about the possibility of adding a crosswalk in the southeast corner of the site, and staff explained why this would not be recommended. The Committee supported the submitted comments and had no further input.

Moved by Matthew Abas
Seconded by Rachelle Stinson

1. That the memorandum regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) input and comments for Site Plan Application SP-2019-01 (Submission #3) be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the site plan application be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.3 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Input and Comments for Site Plan Application SP-2020-01 (Submission #2)

Staff provided an overview of the comments submitted to the Planner by the Accessibility Advisor on behalf of the Committee and noted the applicant's lack of response to previously submitted comments. The Committee reviewed the site plan, supported the submitted comments, and had no further input.

Moved by Matthew Abas
Seconded by Hailey Reiss

1. That the memorandum regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) input and comments for Site Plan Application SP-2020-01 (Submission #2) be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the site plan application be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Input and Comments for Site Plan Application SPM-2020-01 (Submission #2)

Staff provided an overview of the comments submitted to the Planner by the Accessibility Advisor on behalf of the Committee and noted the applicant's positive response to previously submitted comments. The Committee reviewed the site plan, supported the submitted comments, and had no further input.

Moved by Matthew Abas
Seconded by Hailey Reiss

1. That the memorandum regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) input and comments for Site Plan Application SPM-2020-01 (Submission #2) be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the site plan application be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

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

The Committee inquired about the status of evacuation chairs for Town facility stairways. Staff advised the approximate cost and the Committee agreed that one evacuation chair should be purchased and installed for testing and to determine the feasibility of further purchases.

Staff advised that a scheduled, physical facility tour of the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and Aurora Family Leisure Complex would be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with any available

Committee members, and noted that a virtual tour of the facilities would also be made available for Committee comment.

Staff advised that a request was received from the Aurora Seniors' Centre for the installation of a permanent ramp and barrier-free, automatic door opener buttons to improve the path of travel to the bocce ball courts. Staff agreed to report back with a cost estimate for further discussion on budget options.

Staff noted that the Library's barrier-free parking area would soon be unavailable, as well as Victoria and Church Streets, during phase one of the Library Square construction project, and offered alternative options for the Committee's comment. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and concerns, and it was agreed that feedback to staff would include suggestions for continued barrier-free parking on Mosley Street, one temporary barrier-free parking spot with signage in the second tier parking lot (next to Aurora Cultural Centre), development of a Yonge Street drop-off/pick-up program, and campaigning information to create awareness of the available programs and paths of travel to the front doors of the Library on Yonge Street. Staff agreed to include follow-up information for further feedback at the next meeting.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Hailey Reiss

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 Hailey Reiss

Seconded by Max Le Moine

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried