



**THE CORPORATION OF
HALDIMAND COUNTY**

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: September 10, 2024
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building - Haldimand Room
53 Thorburn Street South, Cayuga

Members Present J. Pack, Chair
J. deVos, Member
J. Duggan, Member
B. Horton, Member
B. Hoto, Member
M. Kidd, Member
A. Poirier, Member

Regrets A. Doxtdator, Member
S. Patterson, Councillor
F. Rao, Member

Staff Present E. Lindeboom, Accessibility Coordinator

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

B. Land Acknowledgement

C. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

D. Approval of Previous Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - May 7, 2024

Resolution 1

Moved By: J. Duggan, Member
Seconded By: B. Horton, Member

That the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

APPROVED

E. Delegations

F. Items for Consideration

1. Inclusive Spaces Fund update

An adult change table has been installed at the Dunnville Public Library. An accessible picnic table has been installed in Port Maitland. We are looking at permanently fixing the table to concrete so residents cant move it to an inaccessible area. A bench has been ordered and will be installed shortly on the path near Grandview Lodge. We have received quotes on the installation of the automatic door openers at the arena's. The ones at Hagersville arena will be going in September 17. The others are still being scheduled for installation. Still waiting for an update on the timing of the accessible parking signs and path at the Dunnville Kinsmen baseball diamonds.

2. Accessibility Ambassadors

The introduction of Accessibility Ambassadors are part of the County's commitment to maintaining the website's compliance and accessibility requirements after its launch this November. The Accessibility Ambassadors are 24 individuals chosen by multiple divisions and the Senior Management Team, mainly comprised of administrative assistants and administrative coordinators, to oversee documents before they are posted to the website. There has been a lot of work to make the website accessible and make the documents loaded to the website (PDF's) accessible. In order to keep the website accessible after launch, the Accessibility Ambassadors will ensure all documents moving forward are accessible.

3. Stop Gap Ramp Initiative

Accessibility and Economic Development and Tourism at Haldimand County are currently looking into the possibility of offering a rebate program for Stop-Gap Ramps. We wont be able to initiate anything this year but will likely begin

looking into this for next year. I plan to discuss accessibility at a BIA meeting in the new year to garner interest, ask how the County can assist when it comes to accessibility, and to educate on the importance of accessibility for small businesses.

4. New Website Preview

Showed the committee a preview of the new, unpublished website. New website launch coming this November.

5. Cayuga Kinsmen Hall Parking lot Update

The Cayuga Kinsmen Hall parking lot and front entrance will be re-done and replaced soon. There will be accessible parking spaces, accessible ramps, and a larger porch area for mobility devices to move around safely and with ease. Drawings will be presented to the Accessibility Advisory Committee when they are completed.

6. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 3pm

7. Other Business

A few committee members have asked that we have chairs without rollers on them so that they can safely sit down with their walkers. Staff liaison to look into this and report back.

G. Adjournment

Resolution 2

Moved By: B. Horton, Member

Seconded By: J. Duggan, Member

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

APPROVED