

# THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY

# **Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

**53 Thorburn Street South** 

Members Present J. Pack, Chair

J. deVos, Member

A. Doxtdator, Member

J. Duggan, Member

B. Horton, Member A. Poirier, Member

F. Rao, Member

Regrets B. Hoto, Member

M. Kidd, Member

Staff Present E. Lindeboom, Accessibility Coordinator

Others Present Kyra Hayes, Jessica Eason, Jessica Ignasek, Sandra Trimble

### A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

### B. Land Acknowledgement

Erin Lindeboom read the Land Acknowledgement.

### C. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

### D. Approval of Previous Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - September 10, 2024

### **Resolution Approval of previous minutes**

Moved By: A. Poirier, Member Seconded By: J. deVos, Member

That the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

**APPROVED** 

### E. Delegations

None.

#### F. Items for Consideration

### 1. Terms of Reference Review

- Discussed the new standardized Terms of Reference. The new Clerk is reviewing protocols and procedures to ensure all committees are operating consistently, have the same obligations and responsibilities across the board.
- All committee meetings are now accessible. Minutes are available and go before Council; keeps Council members apprised of the committee's discussions
- One new requirement of the committee is to present what the committee has been up to once annually.
- The committee wants time to review the Terms of Reference before voting on them

# Resolution That the Terms of Reference be reviewed at a later date and voted on Feb. 11

Moved By: J. deVos, Member Seconded By: F. Rao, Member

THAT the existing Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be deferred to a vote on February 11, 2025

**APPROVED** 

### 2. Next Meeting Date - Select all meeting dates for 2025

Committee agreed with all dates for 2025

### 3. Economic Development and Tourism's CIP Program

- Programs to help businesses and property owners with accessibility improvements
- Community Improvement Program (CIP) two streams offered:
  - Rural Business Improvements
  - Downtown Improvements
- Intended to stimulate private investment and community vibrancy; \$150,000 available annually.
- Limited to designated community improvement areas (6 defined areas across Haldimand)
- There are more incentives for Accessibility projects \$15,000 as opposed to a \$10,000 limit for all other projects
- Erin Lindeboom and Jessica Eason will be presenting to the BIA groups (Business Improvement Areas) in the new year to encourage them to utilize the CIP funding available

### 4. Councillor Patterson Condolences and Councillor position update

- Acknowledgement of the passing of Councillor Patterson.
- There are no plans to appoint an interim council member.
- March 24 is the soonest a new council representative can be sworn in, at which point Clerks will look at appointments to committees.
- There will be no Council representative until April at the earliest.

### 5. Inclusive Spaces Fund 2025 Prospective Projects

The committee was happy with the 2025 proposed projects.

### 6. Cayuga Kinsmen Parking lot and entrance update

- Complete replacement of ramp and stairs and parking lot to be repaved and brought up to grade.
- Showed the Engineer's proposal for ramp and accessible parking spaces

- Significantly larger platform, 2 accessible spots right by the ramp and sidewalk.
- Early 2025 construction start
- The committee has asked for a 3D rendering to review the plans in an easier way
- The committee wants to investigate adding more spots than the two that are proposed.
  - o Jessica will send a 3D rendering for distribution to the group

### 7. Other Business

# G. Adjournment

# **Resolution Motion to Adjourn**

Moved By: B. Horton, Member Seconded By: A. Poirier, Member

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

**APPROVED**