



**THE CORPORATION OF
HALDIMAND COUNTY**

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 4, 2025
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building - Haldimand Room
53 Thorburn Street South, Cayuga

Members Present J. deVos, Member
 J. Duggan, Member
 B. Horton, Member
 B. Hoto, Member
 A. Poirier, Member
 F. Rao, Member

Regrets J. Pack, Chair
 A. Doxtdator, Member

Staff Present E. Lindeboom, Accessibility Coordinator
 Trish Cardwell

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Land Acknowledgement**
- C. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest**
- D. Approval of Previous Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - December 11, 2024

Resolution 1

Moved By: F. Rao, Member
Seconded By: A. Poirier, Member

That the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

APPROVED
E. Delegations

F. Items for Consideration

1. Member Resignation Letter

Staff signed a letter to Marianne Kidd thanking her for her time as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

2. Selkirk Waterway Development

Members reviewed drawings of the proposed Selkirk Waterway Development Project. They had the following questions that will require follow-up:

- Does the walkway go as far as the bridge to hook up with the paved trail?
- Could we add another accessible parking space so more than one accessible vehicle can go there at a time?
- Can we make sure the picnic table is an accessible one?
- Could we look into getting rubberized interlocking brick in the parking lot like the area along Highway 3?
- Can we look into getting an accessible portable washroom?

3. Port Maitland Boat Ramp Reconstruction

Members reviewed drawings of the Haldimand County Port Maitland Pier Dock Repair Project

Concern: Accessible spots are not deep enough by the playground

Other concerns related to congestion in the summer and the desire for more by-law

4. GIS Mapping - Accessibility items

Members were not aware GIS maps were available to the public and have asked for GIS to show them more at the next meeting. Suggestions were made to add emergency locations/stations as well as accessible trails and buildings as a layer to the map.

5. Access-Ability Week Ideas

Staff discussed Access-Ability Week Ideas (Access-Ability week is at the end of May)

- Members want an event that includes the community, potentially educational
- Highlight companies like "True Experience" that hire individuals with disabilities
- Share the GIS map (with accessibility related layers) with community
- Accessibility award for individuals/groups/business's furthering accessibility in the community
- Staff to add another meeting date on April 15th at 3pm to organize Access-Ability week

To add another sub-committee meeting to plan Access-Ability Week activities

Resolution 2

Moved By: F. Rao, Member

Seconded By: A. Poirier, Member

There will be a meeting held on April 15th at 3 pm to plan Access-Ability Week activities

APPROVED

6. Terms of Reference Vote

Committee Members to vote on Terms of Reference

Resolution 3

Moved By: F. Rao, Member

Seconded By: A. Poirier, Member

THAT the existing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be rescinded;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference, as attached to this item, be approved.

APPROVED

7. Next Meeting Date - May 6, 2025

8. Other Business

The committee has concerns about the frequency of sidewalks and intersections being plowed by the County. It was expressed that some individuals were not able to use crosswalks safely or get to the grocery store due to the build-up of snow and ice. The committee also discussed individuals not clearing their County sidewalks as well and how to get By-Law involved.

Committee asked if we could promote this prior to next Winter on social media to bring awareness.

The Committee would also like to look into creating a program to help seniors or individuals with disabilities who are not able to clear their driveways or sidewalks. Frank mentioned "Snow Angels" as an organization who does something similar.

Erin Lindeboom to contact the Roads department and By-Law to inquire and share concerns.

G. Adjournment

Resolution 4

Moved By: A. Poirier, Member

Seconded By: J. deVos, Member

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVED