

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting #: 13

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Time: 6 pm

Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair Vania Karam, Vice-Chair Holl Ellingwood, Wayne

Antle, Ian Bourrie, Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, Matthew

Eliot, Jodi Fisher, William Van Veen

Absent: Adele Furrie, David Humphries, Murray MacDonald, Hannah

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Present non-voting

Councillor Marty Carr

member:

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public

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Zoom meeting no. 89921802221

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Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

The deadline to register to speak, or submit written comments is 4 pm on the day of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Presentations

3.1 Duty to Consult - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

The following staff provided a slide presentation and answered questions from the Committee:

- Kevin Wherry, Manager, Parks and Facilities Planning, Recreation, Cultural & Facility Services Department
- Andrew Smith, Program Manager, Infrastructure Renewal, Infrastructure & Water Services Department
- Agi Motz, Manager, Facilities Asset Management, Infrastructure & Water Services Department
- Elizabeth Murphy, Program Manager, Transportation Engineering Services, Planning, Development & Building Department

Committee members asked staff about the criteria involved in upgrading parks with better accessible features. Members provided staff with feedback on multi-use pathways (MUP) and the difficulties in sharing with bicycles and the lack of space for wider wheelchairs to safely maneuver on pathways.

Staff discussed that as of September 2021, the City has completed protected design guidelines which are used for all new and renewal projects. The use of delineators and 'twizzies' are used to try and separate pedestrians and cyclists. The implementation of these devices is not always possible but the City is trying to make paths wider. The City is introducing delineators in Environmental Assessments (EA) studies in places where there will be cyclists and pedestrians.

Staff are to provide the Committee with literature that is available for educating cyclists to use a bell as they approach pedestrians.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Recommendation(s)

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.

4. Adjournment

Next Meeting

June 18, 2024.	
The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.	
Original signed by R. Ramos,	Original signed by Vania Karam,
Committee Coordinator	Chair