



## Accessibility Advisory Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 17  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 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, David Humphries, William Van Veen, Hannah Walhad

**Absent:** Jodi Fisher, Adele Furrie, Murray MacDonald

**Present non-voting member:** Councillor Marty Carr

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1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public  
Members of Committee and Council, City staff, media and the general public may join the meeting with this link:  
[Zoom meeting no. 879 8714 9068](#)  
Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.  
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. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 AAC Minutes 14 – June 18, 2024

**Carried**

4. Planning, Development and Building Services Department

4.1 Lansdowne 2.0 Phase 1 Event Centre

Sean Moore, Director, Lansdowne Park Project, Planning, Development & Building Department and Marnie Peters, President of Accessibility Simplified provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee. As well, Justin Kurosky, Manager, Design & Construction-Facilities of Infrastructure & Water Services Department was available to answer questions.

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

There were three delegates from the public:

- Kyle Humphrey spoke before the Committee and provided comments on the features in the Event Centre that will improve the experience for the disabled communities and help with increased employment opportunities. He also spoke to how improvements at this event centre will help in planning future sites.
- Kristine Houde, Old Ottawa East Community Association, spoke before the Committee and raised some concerns with some of the spaces presented. She also referred to the lack of any direct partnership with groups representing disabilities. She also raised issues of transportation and the difficulty of disabled people getting to the Lansdowne.
- Jerry Fiori, Ottawa Disability Coalition, spoke before the Committee and addressed costs and that the money for the centre should be directed to affordable and accessible housing. He spoke to lack of transportation around the centre and that the project should not be happening because policies were not followed.

Written submissions were received and are filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

- John Dance, slide deck submitted September 17, 2024
- Gisèle Doyle, letter submitted October 15, 2024

The Advisory Committee discussed and asked questions regarding the following topics:

- Accessibility features around the new centre such as hardscaping to assist mobility
- Auditory overstimulation and other issues that will be consulted on at a later date
- The City's communications on the changes to the Event Centre and how they will serve the various communities
- Equitable access to the site needed

At the conclusion of discussions, the Committee received the update.

### **Recommendation(s)**

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

**Received**

## 5. Public Works Department

### 5.1 Traffic and Parking By-law Amendments : Accessible Parking

Megan Richards, Program Manager of the Accessibility Office provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee. As well, Phil Edens, Senior Traffic Assessment Specialist, Traffic Services and Scott Caldwell, Manager, Parking Services both from the Public Works Department were available to answer questions.

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

One delegate, Kyle Humphrey spoke before the Committee and provided comments on how this will provide more space for those needing it and this will allow people to more easily shop and fraternize as they will be able to access more areas.

The Advisory Committee discussed and asked questions on the following:

- The differences between parking spaces and designated parking
- Where the designated spots will be
- Differences in the size of spots

At the conclusion of discussions, the Committee received the update.

**Recommendation(s)**

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

**Received**

6. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motion.

7. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting

November 19, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Original signed by R. Ramos,  
Committee Coordinator

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Original signed by Vania Karam,  
Chair