



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2018

3:00 pm

**Essex County Civic Centre, Room E
360 Fairview Avenue West, Upper Floor
Essex Ontario N8M3G4**

Committee Members: Christine Easterbrook, Chair
Gord Queen, Vice Chair
Debbie Alexander
John Boyko
Rosemary Cobby
Therese Lecuyer

Absent: Charles Wimperis

Administration: Renée Trombley

1. Call to Order

2. Recording of Attendance

It was noted that Mr. Wimperis was away. All others were in attendance.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

17-2018

Moved By Ms. Lecuyer

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations

6. Communications

18-2018

Moved By Ms. Lecuyer

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the correspondence for the June 14, 2018 meeting be received.

Carried

6.1 AODA Alliance

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance - What's New

6.2 Huffington Post

Artificial Intelligence Poised to Improve Lives of People with Disabilities

6.3 CBC

Despite Election Promises, Ontario's Mental Health System is 'Not Just a Simple Fix'

6.4 Lireo Designs

How to Add Alternative Text to Facebook Photos

6.5 City News

Implementing Ontario's Accessibility Law a Priority for Disability Advocates

6.6 BBC News

Employers Cannot Ignore Mental Health in the Workplace

6.7 Government of Canada

National AccessAbility Week

6.8 The Vancouver Star

New Canadian Accessibility Standard for Buildings Benefits Everyone, Disability Advocates Say

6.9 CBC News

Some Voters Report Issues With Accessible Voting Machines in Ontario

6.10 Wheelchair Travel

What Airlines Won't Tell you About Pre-boarding for Disabled Passengers

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Facebook

The Committee discussed the continued strategy to include personal profiles and insights on their Facebook page. Discussion also occurred as the committee received a complaint in regards to a Windsor business from a member of the Facebook community. The committee recommended the patron seek assistance from the Windsor AAC and provided the contact information.

7.2 Celebrate Our Abilities - Awareness Walk

7.2.1 Budget

Ms. Trombley discussed the event budget.

7.2.2 Event Details

The committee discussed the event details, reviewed the day's agenda and messaging for marketing.

8. Reports and Questions

9. New Business

9.1 2018 Initiatives

The committee discussed additional priorities for 2018, including:

- Supporting ERCA with recommendations for their trails and outdoor spaces
- Look into information sessions that would benefit the community surrounding accessibility
- Consider supporting an accessibility-themed film event for the community.

9.2 Historical Building Accessibility

Ms. Alexander started a discussion about the importance of accessibility for historical buildings. The committee decided to refer to individual municipalities and historical/heritage societies for more information on this matter.

10. Next Meeting Date

July 12, 2018

11. Adjournment

19-2018

Moved By Ms. Lecuyer

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the June 14, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Carried