



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 12, 2018

3:00 pm

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

Committee	Christine Easterbrook, Chair
Members:	Gord Queen, Vice Chair
	Rosemary Cobby
	Therese Lecuyer
Absent:	Debbie Alexander
	John Boyko
	Charles Wimperis
Administration:	Renée Trombley
	Katherine Hebert

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

2. Recording of Attendance

The Chair indicated that Mr. Boyko sent his regrets for today's meeting. It was noted that Mr. Wimperis and Ms. Alexander were away.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

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Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Lecuyer

That the minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations

5.1 Kevin Money, ERCA

The Chair welcomed Kevin Money to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation.

5.1.1 Holiday Beach Boardwalk Upgrades

Mr. Money provided some photographs of the existing wooden walkways at the Holiday Beach Conservation Area. He noted that they are in poor condition and are closed to the public at this time. He noted that the plan for reconstruction of the wooden walkways, that include a chair rail on either side of a six foot wide span made of cedar wood over steel. He noted that some of the wooden walkways are raised and the ERCA is mindful of the grade of the incline that is required for accessible compliance.

The Chair asked whether hand rails had been considered by ERCA for the portions of the walkway that are raised, particularly over waterways.

Mr. Money indicated that no hand rails were planned for the reconstruction, but taking the suggestion under advisement will bring that design element to the team for review.

Mr. Money indicated that the construction would take place sometime this fall, likely in October to avoid any disruption to the turtle hibernation.

Mr. Money discussed other upgrades to conservation area trails and maintenance activities to return the gravel trails back to the proper grade and condition for pedestrians, and other human traffic. He noted that the gravel trails are compacted and made up of fine screenings for optimal accessibility.

5.1.2 Tour in September

Mr. Money discussed the proposed tour of the Holiday Beach Conservation Area in September. He noted that there is an accessible structure on site if the committee would like to hold a meeting inside for part of the tour date.

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Ms. Trombley indicated that administration would work out the details with ERCA and notice to the committee would be provided well in advance.

6. Communications

Discussion took place with regard to Mobi Mats that have been installed at various locations throughout the County and City.

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Moved By Ms. Lecuyer

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That the correspondence for the July 12, 2018 meeting be received.

Carried

6.1 AODA Alliance

What's New?

6.2 AM 800 CKLW

Discover Ability Network Rolls Out in Windsor-Essex

6.3 Government of Canada

Minister Duncan Introduces the Proposed Accessible Canada Act

6.4 Scientific American

Scientists Pinpoint Brain Region That May Be Center of Alcohol Addiction

6.5 The New York Times

Teenage Girl Helps a Blind and Deaf Passenger and Wins Praise for Doing 'Something Beautiful'

6.6 Wheelchair Travel

Statue of Liberty Wheelchair Accessible Tour

6.7 Yahoo Lifestyle

How Writing Helps Me cope With the Challenges of Cerebral Palsy

6.8 The Chronicle Herald

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Rights Inquiry to Examine Restaurant Washroom Access for People with Disabilities

6.9 CBC News

Why the Word 'Handicapped' Has Been Removed from PEI Legislation

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Facebook

Ms. Cobby noted that her bio was posted to Facebook and has received some attention.

7.2 Celebrate Our Abilities - Awareness Walk

Ms. Trombley discussed the postponement of the June 23rd original event. She presented the Committee with several dates to consider for the rescheduled event.

The Committee discussed the dates and decided on July 28th for the rescheduled event. It was noted that new advertising would be arranged and notice would go out to vendors and the public.

7.3 2018 Initiatives

The Committee discussed possible initiatives for contributing to their mandate of sharing information and awareness surrounding accessibility during the remaining part of the year. Ideas were discussed including a guest speaker, meeting of all County AACs, and Ms. Cobby suggested a private screening of a film during the Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF) that would cater to the accessibility interests.

Ms. Trombley disclosed that she was a Board of Director for WIFF and that although she can provide some coordinating for the ECAAC on this initiative the decision regarding hosting such an initiative would be solely that of the ECAAC members.

Ms. Cobby suggested that a joint meeting and networking session might best be suited to the new members in 2019, after the municipal election and new committee appointments have been finalized.

Discussion regarding the WIFF option took place. Ideas regarding the selection of a film and hosting a small reception prior to or following the screening were discussed. Ms. Trombley advised that she would have to look into the accessibility of the facilities

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for the screening and also advise the WIFF committee to prepare a proposal for the ECAAC to consider.

8. Reports and Questions

9. New Business

9.1 Devonshire Mall

Ms. Cobby discussed the renovation that was completed at the Devonshire Mall and the much improved bathroom area. It was noted that there is a fully accessible washroom in the new area, complete with a lift and adult change table.

9.2 Cottam Rotary Park

Mr. Queen advised that the Town of Kingsville has taken over the maintenance of the Cottam Rotary Park and has recently installed some accessible swings.

10. Next Meeting Date

August 9, 2018

11. Adjournment

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Moved By Ms. Lecuyer

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the July 12, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Carried