



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

3:00 pm

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

Committee	Christine Easterbrook, Chair
Members:	Brad Frenette Diana Kirkbride Therese Lecuyer Gord Queen
Absent:	Debbie Alexander Fern Walsh
Administration:	Renée Trombley

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Recording of Attendance**
- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

- 4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved By Therese Lecuyer

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 5. Delegations and Presentations**
- 6. Communications**

The committee discussed the communication items as presented. In addition, the Chair wanted to highlight the recent government announcements as it relates to accessibility.

Moved By Brad Frenette
Seconded By Diana Kirkbride

That the correspondence for the June 13, 2019 meeting be received.

Carried

6.1 Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

AODA Toolbox May 2019

6.2 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

An Important Victory

6.3 Government of Ontario

Taking Action to Remove Barriers for People with Disabilities

6.4 Town of Essex

Town of Essex Proclaims AccessAbility Week

6.5 Ottawa Citizen

Ontario's Accessibility Standards are Falling Woefully Short

6.6 iPolitics

Accessibility bill set to become law as Liberals prepare to use cloture.

6.7 Newswire.ca

Government of Canada funds projects that improve accessibility

6.8 The Globe and Mail

Activists urge Ottawa to pass Canadian accessibility law before summer

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Facebook

The chair asked that a Ms. Kirkbride provide a profile for the ECAAC's Facebook page for July. Additional items that could be posted for engagement were discussed. Ms. Trombley recommended the committee consider 'liking' the City of Edmonton's Accessibility Advisory Committee Page, as they also have great content to share and are very active.

7.2 Fall Initiatives

Accessibility Awareness Walk (September 14) and Speaker update.

Ms. Trombley provided an update to the committee in regards to the Accessibility Awareness Walk details (Confirmed for September 14, 2019) and the potential for a speaker in the fall for all local council members, AACs and municipal staff.

8. Reports and Questions

9. New Business

9.1 Committee Tour and Review of Civic Centre Facilities

The committee to tour the second floor washrooms of the Civic Centre for comment on accessibility.

The committee toured the recently renovated washrooms on the second floor of the Civic Centre. The comments from the committee were that they were very impressed with the consideration of staff in ensuring the new washrooms were constructed with accessibility in mind.

9.2 Support Group for Invisible Illnesses

Ms. Kirkbride informed the committee that she had learned that the Kingsville Community Centre offers a support group for those with invisible illnesses every Tuesday from 11 AM - 12 PM.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the ECAAC is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 at 3 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved By Therese Lecuyer

Seconded By Diana Kirkbride

That the June 13, 2019 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Carried