



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, October 13, 2022
5:00 PM
The Michigan Diner
27 Victoria Ave, Essex, ON N8M 1M3**

Committee Members: Christine Easterbrook, Chair
Brad Frenette
Diana Kirkbride
Gord Queen, Vice Chair

Absent: Debbie Alexander
Rachel Jewell
Stephanie Olewski

Administration: Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk
Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative and Community Services

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

3. **Recording of Attendance**

Christine Easterbrook, Gord Queen, Brad Frenette and Diana Kirkbride attended the meeting in person. Mary Birch, Katherine Hebert and Crystal Sylvestre were also in attendance from the County of Essex.

Debbie Alexander, Rachel Jewell and Stephanie Olewski were absent.

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

5. **Adoption of the Minutes**

September 8, 2022 ECAAC Meeting Minutes.

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Brad Frenette

That the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

There were no delegations for October 13, 2022.

7. **Communications**

7.1. Municipal Elections 2022

Municipal Elections are fast approaching and voting day is October 24th. Check with your local municipality for advanced poll dates. Candidates for the Essex County municipalities as well as local Election Accessibility Plans are available on local municipal websites:

- [Amherstburg - Accessibility Elections](#)
- [Essex - Voting Locations](#)
- [Kingsville - Accessibility](#)
- [Lakeshore - Election Accessibility](#)
- [LaSalle - Accessible Elections](#)
- [Leamington - Voter Information](#)
- [Tecumseh - Voter Information Centres](#)

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1. Committee Application Form - 2022-2026

[Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Online Application Form](#) for those who are interested in participating in the next ECAAC term

9. Reports from Administration

9.1. 2023 ECAAC Meeting Schedule

Report number 2022-1013-LCS-R24-KH, 2023 ECAAC Meeting Schedule, dated October 13, 2022 from Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Diana Kirkbride

That the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the proposed 2023 meeting schedule as information.

Carried

10. New Business

10.1. TELUS Tech for Good

Diana Kirkbride provided the Committee with information regarding the TELUS Tech for Good™ program available through the March of Dimes. This program provides professional recommendations, training and support in order to help users overcome barriers to accessibility.

<https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/atech/techfg/Pages/Tech-for-Good.aspx>

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting for the ECAAC to attend, was the Essex County Council meeting, scheduled to take place on October 19, 2022 at 7:00PM.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Diana Kirkbride

That the October 13, 2022 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Carried