



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2017

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
Therese Lecuyer
John Boyko
Charles Wimperis
Rosemary Cobby

Absent: Debbie Alexander

Administration: Renée Trombley
Katherine Hebert

1. Recording of Attendance

The Chair indicated that all members were in attendance with the exception of Ms. Alexander.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

3.1 2017-04-13 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

12-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Boyko

That the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Communications

5.1 Correspondence

13-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Wimperis

That the correspondence for the May 11, 2017 meeting be received.

Carried

5.1.1 AODA Toolbox

April 2017

<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=c0c14c37aeafba38714735e2a&id=4f64c5ecdd>

5.1.2 Huffington Post

Article: Why Hire Disabled Workers? 4 Powerful (and Inclusive) Companies Answer

5.1.3 Mental Floss

Article: 12 disabled Scientists Who Made the World a Better Place

5.1.4 AODA Alliance

What's New? - 2017 Updates

5.1.5 This Dot Media

Article: Accessibility Work and Its Impact on Future AI

5.1.6 Blogspot

Diary of a Goldfish: Blogging Against Disablism Day 2017

5.1.7 C-Net

Article: Playing Street Fighter With Your Face - and Kicking Butt

5.1.8 Business Insider - Tech Insider

Article: [A Group of Google Employees Spent Their '20% Time' Making Google Maps Wheelchair-Friendly](#)

5.1.9 CBC News and Technology

Article: [How a Blind Man Plays Mainstream Video Games and the Future of Accessibility in Games](#)

5.1.10 Ontario Newsroom

News Release: [Ontario Boosts Mental Health Supports for people Across the Province](#)

5.1.11 Forbes - Media and Entertainment

Article: [Settlement Talks in 'Hamilton' Disabilities Lawsuit Stall](#)

5.1.12 Policy Options - IRPP

Article: [The Invisibility of People with Developmental Disabilities](#)

5.1.13 CNN

News: [United Airlines Apologizes After Disabled Man Crawls Off Flight](#)

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Facebook Update

The Chair led the discussion regarding Facebook posts from members, notifications and preferences.

Ms. Cobby suggested that an 'Event' be created on the Facebook page for the Heroes Basketball Game.

The Chair brought forward a video 'The Bagel Quest' for the Committee to consider posting to the Facebook page.

It was the general consensus that the video was appropriate to post.

The Chair also discussed posting about the upcoming Invictus Games, which will be held in Toronto this Fall.

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It was discussed that sharing this type of event could bring extra traffic to the page.

6.2 Access Awareness Week

6.2.1 Heroes Program Collaboration Update

Debbie Alexander to speak on this item.

The Chair questioned which members intended on attending the event.

All members responded that they would be in attendance.

The Chair will follow-up with Ms. Alexander regarding the event and whether some help was needed from the Committee.

6.2.2 Delegation at County Council - June 7, 2017

The Chair indicated that it is her intention to provide a brief introduction of the Committee members.

It was noted that Mr. Boyko would intro the Rick Hanson video; that Ms. Cobby would discuss the Accessibility Workshop speakers from 2016 and planned speakers for 2017 and that Mr. Queen would discuss the basketball game.

Although not all members of the ECAAC will be speaking, all will be in attendance.

6.2.2.1 Speaker Summaries from Accessibility Workshop 2016

6.2.2.2 Video Presentation

It was decided that the Rick Hanson video would be shown at the County Council Meeting as part of the ECAAC delegation.

6.2.3 AAK YAK Update

Ms. Trombley indicated that she is in receipt of only 4 AAC summaries from the local Committees.

Discussion took place among Committee members regarding the need for AAC YAK since communications seem to be moving toward social media outlets.

It was noted that the AAC YAK could be distributed to the email inboxes of 'Accessibility News' subscribers. It was

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decided that the ECAAC Facebook page should have a link to direct people to 'subscribe' to the accessibility news page on the County website.

The Chair noted that the December summary should be included in the AAC YAK update.

Moved By Ms. Cobby

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That the ECAAC communicate the AAC YAK articles through the 'Accessibility News' subscription tool online.

Carried

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Wimperis

That the AAC YAK articles be shared through the Facebook page.

Carried

6.3 Revised Healthcare Document

Mr. Wimperis discussed the intention of the revised Healthcare document.

It was discussed that Mr. Wimperis would provide the revised items to Administration so that the Committee could review them with the agenda.

Mr. Boyko indicated that there may already be a similar tool developed that could be adapted for use for this purpose.

Ms. Lecuyer discussed a form that is completed at the Cancer Centre with each visit.

Discussion took place with regard to the process and ultimate goal of the form process. It was noted that Mr. Wimperis would like feedback from the Committee, local AACs and then would present the form to the Ontario College of Physicians.

Mr. Queen suggested having the draft form could be presented on an information table at the Accessibility Workshop to solicit feedback at that time, instead of sending it to Committees.

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The Committee discussed the timing of the new regulations as they relate to this form. It might be better to await the roll out of the new regulations since it may include something similar.

Mr. Wimperis agreed that the revised form would be brought forward to the ECAAC as an agenda item to review, then they can consider the next steps.

6.4 Accessibility Workshop 2017

6.4.1 Theme/Speakers for October 24, 2017

The Chair suggested that the Committee consider Tracey Schmidt as a keynote speaker for the 2017 workshop. She noted that Ms. Schmidt has been increasing her speaking engagements and she has had a lot develop for her over the past few years. She did already speak at one workshop a couple of years ago, focusing her material on the Para PanAm Games. She would be a good speaker if her fees are within the budget.

It was discussed that the Committee would request a change in subject matter for Tracey Schmidt if she was booked again for this year.

The Committee discussed the format of the workshop, finally deciding on a keynote speaker, a panel discussion and 2 sessions in the afternoon (non-concurrent).

Ms. Lecuyer had some suggestions for speakers or panelists: Jazzmin Jasey (Soul Focus Project Windsor <http://solefocusproject.ca/>), Dignified Day, Joshua Jaekel (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/morf/dailynews/2016-04-14/circuit-design-competition-gives-students-hands-education>), Importance of Physical Contact Study Doctor from Chatham (<http://www.magicandmedicine.ca/about/my-story/>)

Ms. Trombley questioned whether representatives from community groups would be appropriate for panelists, such as Community Living Essex County, WEAre Able, CNIB, CMHA etc. She noted the Committee could seek out experts as suggested in the evaluation forms and use these individuals as the panel members for the interactive session.

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Ms. Cobby suggested having government representatives to discuss issues related to ODSP. She also suggested Liz Bardon as a guest speaker.

Ms. Trombley indicated that a focus on a limited (3 or 4) experts for the panel could provide a good cross section of expertise and 3 perspectives on the panel for the interactive session.

It was decided that the Committee would pursue Tracey Schmidt as the keynote speaker, providing that her fees were within acceptable budget limits.

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Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That Administration pursue booking Tracey Schmidt as the keynote speaker for the 2017 Accessibility Workshop, provided that her fees are within the budget.

Carried

15-2017

Moved By Mr. Wimperis

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the 2017 Accessibility Workshop follow the following format: Keynote Speaker, Interactive Panel Discussion, Focus Speaker Sessions and Evaluation Session and that there will not be concurrent sessions.

Carried

16-2017

Moved By Mr. Wimperis

Seconded By Ms. Lecuyer

That Administration work towards booking panelist experts for the interactive panel discussion session of the workshop and that the Committee will collectively review panelist options prior to final decision.

Carried

6.5 Windsor Accessibility

Mr. Queen indicated that the information received at the Windsor Accessibility Seminar was shared with members of Council.

6.6 Leamington Accessibility Day

It was noted that Jeff Preston would be the central speaker for their event this year. It will be held at the Sun Parlor Home on June 15.

6.7 Sun Parlor Home Visit/Tour

It was noted that there is still interest in booking a visit/tour to the Sun Parlor Home. This can coincide with a regular meeting date.

7. Reports and Questions

8. New Business

8.1 The Accessibility Directorate of Ontario

The Accessibility Forum by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario was held on April 26, 2017. Committee Members who attended the Forum reported back their experiences and the latest news from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on June 29, 2017 as there is a conflict with the regular June 8th meeting date. Administration will advise Ms. Alexander of the date change.

10. Adjournment

17-2017

Moved By Mr. Wimperis

Seconded By Ms. Lecuyer

That the May 11, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Carried