



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2024

5:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

<https://video.isilive.ca/countyofessex/live.html>

Committee

Members:

Dennis Sanson, Chair
Debbie Alexander, Vice Chair
Sherri Currie
Kimberly DeYong, Deputy Mayor - Town of Kingsville
Rachel Jewell
Julie Miles

Absent:

Diana Kirkbride

Administration:

Katherine Hebert, County Clerk/ Manager, Records and Accessibility
Crystal Sylvestre, Coordinator, Legislative and Community Services

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge the land on which the County of Essex is located is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples.

We specifically recognize Caldwell First Nation and other First Nations which have provided significant historical and contemporary contributions to this region.

We also value the contributions of all Original Peoples of Turtle Island, who have been living and working on this land from time immemorial.

3. Recording of Attendance

Members of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee attended the meeting at the Essex County Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Diana Kirkbride was absent.

Rachel Jewell attended the meeting virtually from a remote location.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

5. Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Moved By Sherri Currie

Seconded By Kimberly DeYong

That the minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Delegations and Presentations

6.1. Civic Centre Parking Lot

Moved By Sherri Currie

Seconded By Debbie Alexander

That Randy Pearson, Supervisor, Facility Operations be permitted to address the Essex County AAC

Carried

Randy Pearson provided information regarding alterations to the West parking lot at the Essex County Civic Centre.

Additional accessible parking spaces were being planned that would be closer to the entrance.

Randy also noted that the North entrance would have a lift installed during 2024 and three more accessible spots were being painted into that lot to accommodate the potential for increased usage.

Randy explained that all parking spaces in the Civic Centre lot were wider than the requirements for Type A and B accessible

parking spots per O.Reg 191/11 and two on each side would have access aisles painted for side loading.

7. Communications

Moved By Julie Miles

Seconded By Debbie Alexander

That items listed on the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting agenda, as items 7. Communications, be received and that any noted action are taken.

Carried

7.1. Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility

The [Design of Public Spaces Standards Development Committee](#) has drafted [initial recommendations](#) about accessible standards in the built environment.

[Public Consultation: Improving accessible built environment standards](#)

Share your feedback at this survey: <https://lnkd.in/g23r7xDF>

Deadline to provide feedback is August 29, 2024.

7.2. Accessibility News

- [CNIB News](#)
- July 2, 2024: Global News [B.C.'s building code accessibility changes raise concerns among developers](#)
- July 3, 2024: Toronto Star [Creating a more accessible built environment](#)

7.3. Accessible Standards Canada

Advancing Accessibility Standards Research Program: Call for Expressions of Interest

Funding available!

Open from June 6, 2024 to August 16, 2024: [check your eligibility for the program and show your interest now!](#)

7.4. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

[AODA Toolbox Latest Edition and Archives](#)

7.5. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance

[AODA Alliance, What's New in Our Program?](#)

7.6. AccessForward

accessforward.ca

Free Training Website sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility

8. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business for July 18, 2024.

9. Reports from Administration

9.1. Accessibility Festival July Update

Crystal Sylvestre provided information regarding the organizations that responded to the opportunity through the Expression of Interest form and also through connections to Administration directly, such as County of Essex departments, local municipal partners and allied agencies.

The ECAAC assessed each party for their suitability to the theme of the event and approved the list entirely.

A draft site plan of the event was reviewed and approved.

The budget for the event was discussed and the ECAAC was supportive of allocating their annual budget to this event.

The ECAAC brainstormed a formal event title and named it the "Outdoor Accessibility Fest-for-All".

Moved By Kimberly DeYong

Seconded By Debbie Alexander

That the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee receive report 2024-0718-LCS-R02-CS as information.

Carried

10. New Business

There was no New Business for July 18, 2024.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 15, 2024 at 5 PM in Council Chambers at the Essex County Civic Centre.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Debbie Alexander

Seconded By Julie Miles

That the July 18, 2024 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Carried