



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2017

4:00 pm

Michigan Diner Essex (formerly Rizzo's Banquet Hall)

27 Victoria Avenue

Essex, Ontario

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

1. Recording of Attendance

The Chair noted that Ms. Lecuyer and Mr. Wimperis were away.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

3.1 November 23, 2017 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

35-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Boyko

That the minutes of the November 23, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Communications

The Chair and members of the committee discussed the communications items.

The Chair noted that it has been 30 years since the Rick Hansen Man in Motion tour.

Discussion took place regarding accessible cities in Canada. It was noted that Vancouver is regarded as being accessible friendly and this can be attributed to the active presence of para-sporting organizations, events and a city that sees the value in accommodating these.

36-2017

Moved By Ms. Alexander

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the communication items for the December 21, 2017 meeting be received.

Carried

5.1 AODA Toolbox

December 2017

5.2 Rick Hansen Foundation

Accessibility in 2017: A Year in Review

5.3 Brock News - Brock University

Brock Student Receives Accessibility and Inclusion Award

5.4 European Commission Press Release

French City Lyon, Rewarded with 2018 Access City Award for Putting Accessibility at the Heart of its City Life

5.5 CBC News

From Housing to Sidewalks: Making Vancouver a More Disability-Aware City

5.6 YourStory

How Workplaces Evolve When They Become Disabled-Friendly

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5.7 New York Times

I Use a Wheelchair. And Yes, I'm Your Doctor.

5.8 TheStar

It's Time for Canada to Measure Up On Kids With Disabilities

5.9 Newsweek

Learn to Say Astronomy, Constellation, Solar Eclipse, and More in Sign Languages

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Facebook

Discussion took place with regard to the slowed engagement on the ECAAC Facebook page and how to boost public interest.

Ms. Trombley noted that there are strategies for growing online audiences. These, as well as other options, will be brought forward for the next meeting.

7. Reports and Questions

7.1 2018 ECAAC Meeting Dates

Discussion took place regarding the ECAAC Schedule for 2018. It was noted that the first meeting of the year should be in February.

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Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the 2018 ECAAC meeting dates as set out in this report be approved.

Carried

8. New Business

8.1 2017 Accessibility Compliance Report

Discussion took place regarding the Accessibility Compliance Report. There were no issues raised. The Compliance Report was filed by The County of Essex prior to December 31, 2017.

8.2 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - For Review and Comment

Discussion took place regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. It was noted that there are some renovations planned for the Essex County Civic Centre and that input from the ECAAC would be helpful during the design phase.

Ms. Trombley noted that the plan is posted on the website for the public to review and provide comments. The link can be shared on Facebook. This report will be going to County Council for their consideration on January 17, 2017.

9. Next Meeting Date

February 1, 2017

It was noted that the next ECAAC meeting would take place on February 1, 2017.

10. Adjournment

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Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Alexander

That the December 21, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Carried