



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, May 10, 2018
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
Debbie Alexander
John Boyko
Rosemary Cobby
Therese Lecuyer

Absent: Charles Wimperis

Administration: Renée Trombley
Katherine Hebert

1. Call to Order

2. Recording of Attendance

The Chair indicated that all members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Wimperis.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

13-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations

6. Communications

14-2018

Moved By Ms. Alexander

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the correspondence for the May 10, 2018 meeting be received.

Carried

6.1 AODA Toolbox

April 2018 - Employment Standards Review : Public Feedback Wanted

6.2 Service Ontario

Government of Ontario - Find Benefit Programs

Discussion took place with regard to the online tool and its ease of use. The Chair noted that it was an ideal item for Facebook.

6.3 The Atlantic

Alexa is a Revelation for the Blind

6.4 Metro

Can what you eat affect your mental health?

6.5 Times of San Diego

Could Marijuana Treat Autism?

6.6 Windsor Star

Reader Letter: Government failing to help 'disabled' find work.

6.7 NPR

How Video Game Companies Are Improving the Experience for Visually Impaired People

6.8 Scope

'I don't want pity, I want you to do something about it.' - My experience of disability hate crime.

6.9 The Irish Times

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New Technology Enables Disabled People to Integrate Into Workplace

6.10 Fast Co Design

Pinterest Just Redesigned Its App for Blind People

6.11 Daily Bruin

UCLA Law Students to Publish First Disability Law Journal in the Nation

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Celebrate Our Abilities - Awareness Walk

Ms. Alexander proposed a colleague of her to provide a quote for DJ services for the event.

The Committee discussed the quantity of attendees to plan for. It was decided that 200 would be the target for catering and other planning.

The Chair noted that some notice be provided to Handi-Transit and to the Transit Windsor who offer bus services to the Vollmer Centre.

Discussion took place regarding the options available for catering and promotion.

7.1.1 Budget

Ms. Trombley discussed the status of several items and circulated a draft budget for the event.

15-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Alexander

That the refreshments offered for the participants include lunch.

Carried

7.1.2 Promotion

7.1.2.1 Advertising

Discussion took place with regard to advertising and email invitations. It was decided that the committee would utilize their organizational contacts as well as Facebook to promote the event and that there would not be printed newspaper advertising.

7.1.2.2 Poster/Flyer

The committee decided on a re-worked version of the first poster.

7.1.2.3 Social Media

#CelebrateAbilities

#AbilitiesWalk

Ms. Trombley indicated that these hashtags would be appropriate for Facebook posts and for the poster.

7.2 Delegation at County Council

Ms. Trombley indicated that the delegation is scheduled for the June 6, 2018 County Council meeting.

The Committee discussed the options for each member to deliver at the Council meeting.

Ms. Easterbook will provide introductions and will discuss dispelling disability myths.

Ms. Cobby will deliver some disability statistics.

Ms. Lecuyer will discuss mental health and addictions as disabilities and a human rights issue.

Mr. Boyko will present a video on mental health.

Mr. Queen will thank County Council for their support and for interest in the ECAAC activities.

The Chair asked that each member circulate their pieces by email to the Committee for review before the delegation on June 6.

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7.3 Facebook

The Committee discussed the 'Personal Interest Stories' and the attention the first edition received on Facebook. It was noted that each member would prepare and post as follows:

May - Charles

June - Debbie

July - Rosemary

August - Gord

September - John

October - Therese

8. Reports and Questions

There are no reports to bring forward.

9. New Business

Heroes Basketball

Ms. Alexander reminded the Committee that the Heroes Basketball Final Game is on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6PM - Essex High School, Gym A.

Tecumseh AAC

The Chair noted that she is meeting with the Tecumseh AAC Chair, who is looking for some policies or best practices bring back to his committee.

10. Next Meeting Date

June 14, 2018

11. Adjournment

16-2018

Moved By Ms. Alexander

Seconded By Ms. Lecuyer

That the May 10, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Carried