



MINUTES

Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date, Time, and Location

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall – Conference Room #1

Members

Dennis Hernandez-Galeano, Chair
Bev Ferris, Vice-Chair (regrets)
Gary Kooistra (regrets)
Adam McLeod
Barbara McLeod (regrets)
Lori Brant (regrets)
Veronica (Faith) Sparling (regrets)
Councillor Ann-Marie Noyes (regrets)
Ashley Greaves, On-Demand Transit Rep. (regrets)

Staff Resources

Keegan Gennings, Chief Building Official (via zoom)
Sean Hutton, Facilities Supervisor (regrets)
Bev Bradnam, Manager, Strategic Initiatives

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. Quorum was not met due to various absences. No business was conducted but the CNIB survey was completed and two site plans were reviewed.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

Recommendation No. 1:

THAT: The December 7, 2021 Minutes of the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as printed.

3) **History Happened HERE**

Presentation and discussion with Signe Hansen, Manager, Community Planning and Jane Davies, Manager, Museum and Cultural Services. This will be deferred until the April meeting.

4) **Outstanding Matters**

1) Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

2) Parking Concerns

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

3) Fort Erie Active Transportation Committee (FEAT)

Dennis advised that the FEAT Committee has not yet met.

4) Pool Lift – E.J. Freeland Centre

Bev advised that Lori received information regarding matching funds that the Fort Erie Lions Club have offered and she is awaiting further details from the Boys and Girls Club on what amount of the lift they will be able to fund. Sean and Bev both have funds that can be used towards the lift in their budgets.

5) **Site Plans**

Keegan joined via zoom and provided details on the re-use of 321 Garrison Road. Discussion took place regarding the accessible parking. Keegan noted that a portion of the building on the east side was not included in the site plan details and he has no further information on that portion of the building.

Keegan presented the site plan for a new drive-through restaurant on the east side of the Sobeys parking lot. Keegan will follow-up with the developer regarding accessible features in the outside patio eating area to ensure that they comply with the Design of Public Spaces Standard under the AODA.

6) **Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2019-2023**

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

A list of the public comments received during the MYAP consultation are attached as Appendix “6” and will be reviewed to determine if any action can/should be taken on each comment received.

7) **Other Matters**

- 1) Leading with Impact: Understanding the needs of the disability community – slide deck from the National Disability Survey as a response to COVID-19 will be reviewed

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

- 2) Clearing our Path – CNIB 2022 Summit

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

- 3) Developing CNIB’s next Strategic Plan

The survey was completed with Adam’s assistance and submitted. Bev noted that the email link was also provided under separate cover to Committee members.

- 4) Right to Read inquiry report – to be released by the Ontario Human Rights Commission on February 28, 2022

Deferred until March 29, 2022 AAC Meeting.

- 5) Friendship Trail Crossing Recommendations (to be presented at April meeting by Pieter Weisserman, Neighbourhood Planner & Urban Designer and consultants, Quartek).

8) **Date for Next Meeting**

The next AAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 29, 2021 at Town Hall - Conference Room #1 at 4:00 p.m.

9) **Adjournment**

A recommendation was not passed to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Bev Bradnam, DPA, CMM III
Manager, Strategic Initiatives

Dennis Hernandez Galeano
Chair