



**City Of Kingston
Municipal Accessibility
Advisory Committee
Meeting Number 03-2019
Confirmed Minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Press Lounge, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour**

Committee Members Present

Donald Mitchell; Chair
Councillor Neill
Andrew Ashby
Caitlin Bruce
Aimee Burtch
Andrew Jones
Jana Mareckova
Leah Riddell
Emily Su

Regrets

Arthur Laramie
David Grightmire
Sheri Scott
Nancy Shitta-Bey
Nancy Watters
Shawn Watters
David Williams

Staff Members Present

Lynda Breen, Supervisor, Recreation Programs
Jaclyn Grimmon, Manager, Recreation Programs
Rob Lambert, Project Manager, Construction
Caroline Livingston, Assistant Supervisor, Recreation Programs
Derek Ochej, Committee Clerk
Nancy Ruel, Supervisor, Special Events & Marketing
Anthony Simmons, Manager, Construction

Meeting to Order

Mr. Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Neill

Seconded by Ms. Bruce

That the agenda be amended to include the addendum, and as amended, be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Ashby

Seconded by Ms. Mareckova

That the Minutes of Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Number 02-2019 held Thursday March 7, 2019 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

- a) Jaclyn Grimmon, Manager, Recreation Programs was present and spoke to the Committee regarding Program and Special Event Update Report.

Ms. Grimmon introduced Ms. Livingston and Ms. Ruel, who conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding Program and Special Event Update Report, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Department.

Ms. Bruce inquired if the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) could be included as a partner in inclusion training in the future. Ms. Livingston stated that staff would keep the CNIB in mind for future training opportunities.

Councillor Neill spoke to Cycling Week activities in Kingston and suggested that organized bike repair workshops be included as potential activities.

Ms. Mareckova inquired if the City is meeting the demand for recreational swimming programs. Ms. Breen stated that demand is highest for swimming programs for young children. She further stated that wait lists are established and additional programming is added, if possible. Ms. Breen spoke to a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club to help meet demand.

Mr. Mitchell expressed support for the use of partnerships to deliver recreation programs and encouraged that work to continue. He inquired if there has been an increase in demand for seniors programming. Ms. Breen responded that the City is working with the Kingston Seniors Association to deliver programming City-wide, including rural areas and at the Rideau Heights Community Centre.

Mr. Mitchell suggested that future briefings from Recreation Programs staff focus on changes that have occurred over the past year with respect to special events and recreation programs.

b) Anthony Simmons, Manager, Construction was present and spoke to the Committee regarding Update on 2019 Construction Projects and Standards for Engineering Projects.

Mr. Lambert provided an overview of the Report, providing details on upcoming road and sidewalk reconstruction projects.

Councillor Neill inquired if staff had given consideration to use of porous hard surfaces to mitigate storm water runoff. Mr. Lambert responded that staff has used innovative solutions to address storm water runoff. He described the construction of planters in the Princess Street reconstruction that filter and capture storm water. Mr. Simmons added that work is done to upgrade storm water management infrastructure as reconstruction projects occur.

Mr. Mitchell sought further information regarding the use of different types of tactile warning strips. Mr. Simmons responded that staff is testing the use of a powder-coated metal warning strip, adding that they are difficult to maintain. He further advised that Engineering staff have been in contact with Public Works staff regarding the premature deterioration of plastic warning strips and that staff are working toward a solution.

Mr. Mitchell asked about the placement of obstacles such as traffic signals in the path of travel on sidewalks. Mr. Lambert stated that some limitations exist for the placement of infrastructure such as traffic signals due to provincial regulations.

Mr. Mitchell inquired about the possibility for test scenarios regarding infrastructure conflicts being brought to the Built Environment Working Group for discussion and potential solutions. Mr. Simmons responded that an important aspect to any changes involve working with higher levels of government and other municipalities to ensure consistency

Mr. Simmons stated that he would be sharing with the Committee, through the Clerk, a more detailed breakdown of the sidewalk reconstruction projects scheduled for 2019.

Business

a) Program and Special Event Update Report

The Report was considered concurrently with Briefing a)

b) Update on 2019 Construction Projects and Standards for Engineering Projects

The Report was considered concurrently with Briefing b)

c) Appointments to Project Teams

i. City Hall Renovation – Southeast Wing (Two Representatives)

The Committee consented to the appointment of Andrew Jones and Aimee Burch to the City Hall Renovation – Southeast Wing project team.

d) Committee Work Plan and discussion regarding upcoming briefings

Mr. Ochej provided the Committee with an update on the work plan. He advised the Committee that briefings would be provided at the May meeting from the City's Planning, Building & Licensing Services and Facilities Management and Construction Services departments, and Kingston Access Services.

Motions

There were none.

Notices Of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

Ms. Riddell advised the Committee of a workshop being host by S5Waves regarding American Sign Language interpreting and the use of interpreting services.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee is May 2, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour – Press Lounge.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Burtch

Seconded by Ms. Su

That the meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 2:29 p.m.

Carried