



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Friday, February 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Office Meeting Room, 100 Scott Street, Walkerton

Members Present: Gregory J. McLean, Councillor and Chairperson
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor
Marion Last
Tim Malo
Suzanne Wingfield
Tom Wingfield

Guests Present: Carol Patterson

Staff Present: Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Maryanne Buehlow

Vision Statement:

Working to build a strong community where every single person, regardless of ability, has an equal opportunity to participate, contribute and experience a sense of belonging.

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Chairperson Gregory McLean called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Kym Hutcheon was welcomed to the Committee.

Resolution:

Moved by Tom Wingfield

Seconded by Marion Last

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on February 28, 2025 as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - October 25, 2024

Resolution:

Moved by Tim Malo

Seconded by Marion Last

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby approve the minutes from October 25, 2024 as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Committee noted the preference to include the vision statement on the next agenda and minutes.

5. Correspondence

6. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

6.1 Review of Access Now and Plan to Add Brockton Content - www.accessnow.com

The Access Now program was reviewed, which includes both a website and app to inform individuals about accessible places in communities.

The Committee discussed accessibility at local businesses, including ramp access and washrooms.

The Committee discussed the option of hosting a Map Mission Day, and preference to feature fully and partial accessible places.

The Committee discussed communication with the community and businesses, inviting individuals to participate in the Map Mission Day walk, and promotion/advertising through the Brockton Buzz Newsletter, Municipal website, and local newspaper.

6.2 Update on Recent Initiatives

The Deputy Clerk reviewed the report for the Committee.

Resolution:

Moved by Tim Malo

Seconded by Tom Wingfield

The Committee discussed the opportunities for involvement at the Official Plan/Zoning By-Law Review Meeting and the Larsen and Shaw event to advocate for accessibility and promote the Committee's work.

That the Brockton Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby accepts Accessibility Report 2025-01 – Update on Recent Initiatives, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes.

Carried

6.3 Walkerton Community Centre Accessibility Recommendations Catalogue

The Committee noted the number of accomplishments that have been completed and suggested that the catalogue be presented to Council.

Resolution:

Moved by Tim Malo

Seconded by Marion Last

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the catalogue of accessibility recommendations at the Walkerton Community Centre and further have the information provided to Brockton Council.

Carried

7. New Business

7.1 Resignation and Appointment of Members

Resolution:

Moved by Marion Last

Seconded by Tim Malo

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts with regret the resignation of Joseph Martel and welcomes Holly DeVisser to the Committee.

Carried

7.2 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit

Deputy Mayor Kym Hutcheon advised the Committee that she is the Chairperson for the Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Committee and discussed the services they provide to individuals with mobility issues, especially given the recent snowfall.

8. Next Meeting

The Committee decided to reschedule the next meeting from March 28, 2025 to April 11, 2025 with the time and location to be determined.

9. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Tom Wingfield

Seconded by Marion Last

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby adjourn at 10: 49 a.m. to meet again on April 11, 2025.

Carried