



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 10:00 am
Maple Court Villa, 5 Fourth Street, Walkerton, ON

Members Present: Gregory J. McLean, Councillor and Chairperson
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor
Maryanne Buehlow
Marion Last
Holly DeVisser
Tim Malo

Guests Present: Carol Patterson

Staff Present: Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk),
Recording Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Resolution:

Moved by: Marion Last

Seconded by: Kym Hutcheon

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on May 30, 2025 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Adoption of the Minutes

4.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - April 11, 2025

The Committee deferred consideration of the minutes until the next meeting as the wrong set of minutes had been inadvertently attached to the Agenda.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Correspondence

6.1 Committee Member Resignation

The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of member, Tom Wingfield and expressed heartfelt condolences for the passing of member Suzanne Wingfield.

7. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

7.1 AccessNow Map Mission Day

The Committee proposed holding the Map Mission Day on July 11, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Garden (312 Durham Street, Walkerton). The Committee will reserve the meeting room at the Municipal

Office, and split into groups to survey the community, including local businesses and facilities.

Action: Advertisements to be included in the June and July Brockton Buzz Newsletter.

7.2 Accessibility Ambassador Program

The Committee discussed involving service clubs, youth and Committee members in the Ambassador Program.

7.3 Accessible Parking Proposal

The Committee discussed feedback received on the accessible parking proposal at Jane Street in Walkerton. An amendment to the Traffic and Parking By-Law will come forward in June.

7.4 StopGap Program

The Committee discussed when to launch the program, and the benefits of potentially waiting until after the Map Mission Day to consider how best to support businesses in implementing changes to improve accessibility.

7.5 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

The Committee suggested creating an incentive for push button doors. The Committee noted upcoming developments at Old Durham Road including the addition of sidewalks, and the projects involved in the Housing Accelerator Fund.

8. New Business

8.1 Centennial Park Pavilion Relocation

The Committee discussed extending the concrete to ensure access from both directions, and whether to consider stone or boulders to maintain a natural look. The Committee discussed whether fencing should be considered due to the proximity from the baseball diamond. It was noted that exterior outlets should be higher than the flood plain.

8.2 Volunteer Recognition Event RSVP

Marion Last, Carol Patterson, Maryanne Buehlow, Councillor McLean, and Deputy Mayor Hutcheon have all indicated their attendance at the event.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was scheduled for June 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Maple Court Villa in Walkerton.

10. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by: Maryanne Buehlow

Seconded by: Marion Last

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby adjourn at 11:30 a.m. to meet again on June 27, 2025.

Carried