



Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Rachelle Stinson (Chair)
Matthew Abas (Vice Chair)
John Lenchak (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Hailey Reiss
Max Le Moine (arrived at 7:55 p.m.)
Jo-anne Spitzer

Members Absent: Councillor John Gallo

Other Attendees: Mat Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved.

Carried

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*

4. Receipt of the Minutes

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Matters for Consideration

6.1 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan application ZBA-2021-06 and SUB-2021-02 (Submission 1), 5 to 70 Archer Hill Court

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee reviewed the site plan and had no further input.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan application ZBA-2021-06 and SUB-2021-02 (Submission #1), 5 to 70 Archer Hill Court be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site plan application ZBA-2021-06 and SUB-2021-02 (Submission #1) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan application OPA-2021-03, ZBA-2021-03, SP-2021-07 (Submission 2), 15296, 15306, 15314 Yonge Street

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee reviewed the site plan and had no further input.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application OPA-2021-03, ZBA-2021-03, SP-2021-07 (Submission #2), 15296, 15306, 15314 Yonge Street be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site plan application OPA,2021-03, ZBA-2021-03, SP-2021-07 (Submission #2) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.3 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan application SP-2021-08 (Submission 2), 20 and 25 Mavrinac Blvd

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee and the developer's response to previous comments. The Committee and staff reviewed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for: crosswalk connecting the parkette to surrounding streets and installation of crosswalk at the intersection of Mavrinac Boulevard and Halldorson Avenue connecting the east and west development sites.

Moved by Matthew Abas

Seconded by Hailey Reiss

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2021-08 (Submission #2), 20 and 25 Mavrinac Blvd be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site plan application SP-2021-08 (Submission #2) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 – 2026

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and provided details on various aspects of the 2022-2026 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

including accessible formatting, creating a HTML version of the plan for easy navigation, and changes from the current plan. Staff further provided details on the structure of the plan identifying the five key pillars of focus and the specific goals within each area. Staff noted that public consultation via an open forum, the Town website, social media platforms, and Engage Aurora survey is ongoing. Staff further advised that feedback regarding the plan can be provided by December 3, 2021. The Committee advised on minor revisions and were in support of the proposed plan.

Moved by Hailey Reiss

Seconded by Matthew Abas

1. That the memorandum regarding Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 – 2026 be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022 – 2026 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.5 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024

Staff provided an update on the various capital and operating project accomplishments as follows: completion of the Facility Accessible Design Standards noting that the document will be added to the Town website; behaviour management training for staff; upgrading the door operators at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and the Aurora Seniors Centre; availability of portable ramps at all special events; addition of evacuation chairs to emergency staircases at the Aurora Community Centre, Aurora Family Leisure Complex, and one to be installed at the Aurora Public Library.

Staff further proposed an initiative for the Committee's consideration by Holland Bloorview called the Dear Everybody in Action campaign. Staff noted the purpose of the campaign is to create awareness and learn about ableism in the community, social media, and various media platforms. The Committee and staff discussed about the prospects of incorporating and applying the concepts to various Town initiatives and content.

Staff referred to the accessibility video project noting that the first introductory video is forthcoming and information regarding participating in the video will be circulated to the Committee members. The Committee and staff discussed about the expectations and content for the first video, involvement of staff and Members of Council, the suitable length and format of the video, video shooting locations, and proposed topic. The Committee further discussed topics for future videos and creating a repository of videos for access to the community. Staff advised that all safety protocols and COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed for any in-person video recording instances.

Moved by Hailey Reiss

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Hailey Reiss

Seconded by Matthew Abas

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Carried