



**Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Harold Kim (Chair)
Peter Angelo (Vice Chair)
Lois Davies
Alison Hughes*
Hailey Reiss*
Jo-anne Spitzer

Members Absent: John Lenchak
Jeffrey Preston

Other Attendees: Martin Stefanczyk, Manager, Project Management Office and
Business Transformation
Rahul Varadharajulu, Project Management Office Consultant*
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these

lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. 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*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

Moved by Peter Angelo

Seconded by Lois Davies

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application SP-2022-07 (Submission #2) 25 Mavrinac Boulevard

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were

made regarding consideration for: demographics and population of development in relation to number of barrier-free parking spaces needed over and above AODA requirements; clarification on requirements for the number of underground and above-ground barrier-free parking spaces; clarification on the dimensions of barrier-free parking spaces and whether the Electric Vehicle (EV) parking spaces are accessible; clarification on the path of travel from barrier-free parking spaces to the main and side entrances; and clarification on whether passcodes or other types of locks will be in use at access points.

Moved by Peter Angelo

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application SP-2022-07 (Submission #2) 25 Mavrinac Boulevard be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application SP-2022-07 (Submission #2) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026

([Link to Multi-Year Accessibility Plan](#))

Staff provided background and invited feedback from the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various matters including: accessibility of the Town's website and planned improvements for better compliance and responsiveness; outreach and citizen feedback on accessibility initiatives and other possible approaches to increase civic engagement; ensuring all community spaces and events are as universally accessible as possible as a standard; suggestion to include in the document an offer for readers to provide feedback/suggestions on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan; and the installation plan status for audible pedestrian crossing signals.

Moved by Alison Hughes

Seconded by Hailey Reiss

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

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee suggested they develop a wish list of minimum standards for all parks for use by Town staff when constructing new parks and upgrading existing parks. It was further noted that such guidelines would also be useful for schools and private businesses.

The Committee inquired about whether they will have an opportunity to review the planned upgrades at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and whether any elements of the Accessibility Plan are being applied to those changes.

The Committee remarked on the lack of demographic information on the Town's disabled community members, their needs, and any accessibility gaps. Staff and the Committee discussed the broad census statistics available from the federal, provincial, and regional levels, and the challenges and limitations on gathering personal information.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Peter Angelo

Seconded by Lois Davies

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried