

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting

KLAAC2021-002
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
1:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:
Councillor Elmslie
Sharon Coupland
Lynda DaSilva
Diane Engelstad
Sonya Fox
Crystal Morrissey
Andre O'Bumsawin
Elizabeth Peeters
Mary Jean Porteous
Norm Price
Ken Van Den Oetelaar

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1. **Call to Order**

C. Morrissey called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Councillor Elmslie, S. Coupland, D. Engelstad, C. Morrissey, A. O'Bumsawin, E. Peeters, M. Porteous and Ken Van Den Oetelaar were in attendance.

Late Arrival: S. Fox (1:37 p.m.)

Absent: L. DaSilva and N. Price

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

KLAAC2021-006

Moved By A. O'Bumsawin

Seconded By S. Coupland

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - January 27, 2021.

KLAAC2021-007

Moved By Councillor Elmslie

Seconded By M. Porteous

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. **Deputations/Presentations**

4. **Correspondence**

5. **News/Updates from Working Groups, Staff and Council**

5.1 Accessibility Officer Update

B. Condie introduced and welcomed new member D. Engelstad to the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.

B. Condie advised that the Province responded that no further information was required for the Compliance Notification and thanked the City for helping to making Ontario accessible.

B. Condie advised that she has completed the 2021 Work Plan and Achievements 2020 Report and the Accessibility Master Plan Report that will go to the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 9th, 2021. B. Condie will be providing a Presentation to Council at this meeting with the work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the progress of the Accessibility Master Plan.

B. Condie received a request from the Cheri Davidson, Communications, Advertising and Marketing Manager to cover the expense of a guide for creating Publications and advised she seeks the committee recommendation for the budget expenditure.

B. Condie advised that she is working with Planning and the Public Spaces Working Group regarding the Accessibility Master Plan.

KLAAC2021-008

Moved By E. Peeters

Seconded By A. O'Bumsawin

That the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee support the use of funds from the Committee's 2021 Budget for the costs associated for a guide for creating publications.

Carried

5.2 Public Awareness (Public Education/Employment/Information&Communication)

E. Peeters provided a brief update that the focus is on the 2021 Accessibility Awards. They are accepting nominations until March 26th and the form is available on the Accessibility page on the City Website. Should anyone have any questions regarding the nomination process they are asked to contact B. Condie. The awards will be presented virtually at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 1, 2021. C. Morrissey advised that the session on Stress Management with Jack Veitch, Manager of Community, Engagement and Education for the Canadian Mental Health Association on February 12th, 2021 was well attended.

B. Condie advised the media release is going out today regarding the 2021 Accessibility Awards.

5.3 Public Spaces (Parks, Built Environment and Transportation (Transit))

A. O'Bumsawin advised he continues to review and offer recommendations on Site Plans. Some of the challenges are how to make the site more accessible with many stairs and ways of adapting the space to improve accessibility.

B. Condie advised that the Public Spaces Working Group had a great meeting and that S. Fox and M. Porteous were involved in helping to set up an online goggle page for the group to communicate and offer comments on Site Plans.

B. Condie advised that A. O'Bumsawin has prepared a document that introduces our Planners and Developers with statistics for our community with the number of people that are aging and have disabilities and the need for accessible housing.

B. Condie will be providing this within her report to Council for information purposes and showing the importance of the comments provided by the Public Spaces Working Group.

5.4 Councillor's Update

Councillor Elmslie provided an update stating that work is continuing in Lindsay and will be completed prior to the summer months. Improvements and upgrades to the downtown in Fenelon Falls is starting in March will stop for the summer months and restart in September to be completed by December of 2021. Access will be available to all stores during construction.

Councillor Elmslie stated it has been a busy winter with snow and working with the Public Works Division to improve the removal of snow and sidewalk plowing. This conversation is ongoing.

Councillor Elmslie stated that Council passed the budget and within that budget is funding for Pandemic relief for not for profits, business and organizations. If assistance is required they are urged to register on the City's website and the committee will be touch.

Councillor Elmslie stated that Council is trying to make Logie Street safer and more accessible. They have agreed to create designated bike lanes.

Councillor Elmslie advised the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit has outlined the roll out of vaccines and this information can be found on their website. He stated the Health Unit has decided to continue to meet virtually until is safe to meet in person.

The Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee agreed that until it is safe to meet in person that they will continue to meet virtually.

KLAAC2021-009**Moved By** A. O'Bumsawin**Seconded By** Ken Van Den Oetelaar

That the reports provided under agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4 be received by Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee for information purposes.

Carried**6. New or Other Business****7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held electronically.

8. Adjournment**KLAAC2021-010****Moved By** A. O'Bumsawin**Seconded By** Councillor Elmslie

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 2:24 p.m.

Carried