

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Minutes

Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

KLAAC2023-02
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Councillor Charlie McDonald
Frederico (Arbee) Buenafe
Diane Engelstad
Matthew Kuiken
Katelyn Lowes
Crystal Morrissey
Elizabeth Peeters
Mary Jean Porteous
Joli Scheidler-Benns

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1. Call to Order

Christine Briggs, IDEA Partner, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
Councillor C. McDonald, Elizabeth Peeters, Mary Jean Porteous, Crystal Morrissey, Katelyn Lowes, Joli Scheidler-Benns, were in attendance.

Absent:

Matthew Kuiken joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Frederico Buneafe was absent

Diane Engelstad was absent

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

KLAAC2023-001

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By M. Porteous

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

KLAAC2023-002

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By C. Morrissey

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of June 15, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

3.1 Transportation Update

Rodney Porter, Manager of Fleet & Transit Services

Robert Horvat, Supervisor, Transit

R. Porter - Transit has implemented a new Orange Route to positive reviews. LIMO ridership back to pre-covid levels. The Transit division is preparing their Capital Budget for 2024, looking to embark on a new Transit Master Plan. Priority areas of the new plan would focus on service expansion into Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon, increased hours, and increased LIMO servicing.

R. Horvat - Transit has implemented a new LIMO booking notification portal, Tripspark.

E. Peeters - Inquired whether or not all transit stops in Lindsay are Accessible

R. Porter- Confirmed that not all of the transit stops are completely accessible. Working on improving accessibility; one feature is improving the bladders that allow the bus to move up and down. They have removed the bladders that were freezing and replaced them with rubber blocking to aid with accessible ramps. Will come back to the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee once they commence their Master Planning.

4. Correspondence

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

5.1 Accessibility Officer Update

C.Briggs- Corporately, the City is in the process of completing the Provincial Transit Audit. Will be completed in the coming weeks.

Followed up with the Planning Department regarding the Public Spaces Development Check List. Bill 23 has curtailed the site plan process and where input can be provided. Unless stipulations are contained in the Building Code, Planning cannot guarantee that they will be implemented. Suggested putting our recommendations on the website, looking at our urban zoning by-laws, reviewing the building permit process (and whether there is an opportunity for an education piece), embed accessibility in Official Plan.

Corporately, consulted with staff on accessibility within the procurement process; submitted a report to Council on March 7, 2023 outlining work plan; went to the Senior Management Team Meeting in March to discuss an update to the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS); worked with Building and Property to bring the Accessible Washroom more in line with building code.

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

E. Peeters- Public Awareness Group met on March 28, 2023. Reviewed nominations and reviewed a draft report to Council. Put forth ten nominees. Awards will be presented at Council on June 20, 2023. Luncheon and reception to take place before the meeting. Let Christine know by May 26 if you can attend.

Working on an Public Awareness project focused on Invisible Disabilities, looking to tackle ageism and stigma associated with these types of disabilities.

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

M. Porteous - The Public Spaces working group met March 21st. Went over the development background, there was a recommendation from one of the team members that we include a wider range of disabilities. In discussions with Economic Development to discern how we can be of service during the million dollar makeover intakes.

5.4 Councillor's Update

Councillor McDonald- Trails Master Plan update came to Council, the focus was to determine whether or not motorized vehicles should remain on trails. Advocated that motorized vehicles increase access to the trails for those with disabilities- should be allowed to remain.

KLAAC2023-003

Moved By C. Morrissey

Seconded By M. Porteous

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 in September. Via Zoom.

8. Adjournment

KLAAC2023-004

Moved By M. Porteous

Seconded By Councillor McDonald

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Carried