



Thursday, December 10, 2020

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conference Call.

Present: S. Forsyth (Interim Chair), P. Hunt, J. Bickle (Council Rep), R. Cooke, S. Elliott

Staff: A. Gilmer (Asset Management/GIS Coordinator), E. Morris (Older Adult Activity Coordinator), R. Dahle (Recording Secretary)

Absent with Notice: T. Giannandrea, S. Orr (Vice Chair), Z. Andrus

1. Roll Call/Quorum

2. Delegations

Dan Campbell, CIMA
Lisa Cullen, CIMA
Ron Albright, CIMA
Mike van den Broek, MPH Engineering Manager

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the Nature Thereof

None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

November 12, 2020

AAC 09/2020

Moved by: P. Hunt

Seconded by: S. Elliott

Be it resolved that the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Walton Street Project

- D. Campbell from CIMA+ presented the preliminary project plan to the Committee.
- Noted that the project will be divided into 3 sections – residential (Church to Pine), transitional (Pine to Brown), downtown (Brown to Mill)
- Accessibility opportunities noted in the presentation:
 - Crosswalk geometry
 - Tactile plates at all drop curbs and crosswalk ramps
 - Addition of audible pedestrian signals and other accessibility measures
 - Integrate accessible parking locations with curb extensions to improve connectivity between on-street parking and sidewalks
 - Accessibility considerations in the detailing of sidewalk, joints, pavers, etc.
- Accessibility Challenges noted:
 - Grade of Walton Street cannot be readily changed
 - Variable elevation differentials at entrances to businesses may not be uniformly resolved
- Construction slated to start in 2022 and will take several years to complete
- CIMA+ team asked the Committee to provide suggestions and feedback on how to make the project better.
- S. Forsyth noted that people with physical disabilities will be affected during the construction process and this is a major concern.
- D. Campbell stated that there will never be a perfect solution but the project team can look at building provisions into the process to try and make accommodations, such as the construction is completed block by block and the blocks should only be disrupted for a few months at a time.
- S. Forsyth stated that some businesses have spent a lot of money to comply with AODA provisions and the project team was asked if these businesses will be compensated for any changes already made to the front of their building.
- D. Campbell noted that he was not sure how that will work, and he will have to get more information about this. The goal is to match the existing grades in front of the businesses.
- P. Hunt questioned the bump outs. He understands that the

purpose of them is to give exposure to the pedestrian, but some are disruptive to turning traffic (e.g., Cavan and Walton Street) and he asked if these will be fixed.

- D. Campbell noted that all bump outs will be looked at and could possibly be adjusted accordingly.
- J. Bickle talked about the accessible parking spots, noting that currently a tailgate of an accessible vehicle can be blocked by a regular vehicle that can pull up right behind an accessible vehicle. Will accessible spots be placed near bump outs for additional space or possible sync fire hydrant spots with accessible spots. It was noted that this will be considered.

6. Council Referrals

6.1 Rolls Service North of Hwy 401

- It was reported that this service is now currently available.

7. New Business

7.1 Time and Frequency of AAC Meetings

- S. Forsyth inquired if the Committee would be comfortable holding the AAC meetings bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov).
- If there is an urgent matter to be discussed the Chair can call an emergency meeting.
- Committee members agreed to have future meetings start at 5:00. This can be revisited if it is determined to not be convenient for all committee members.

7.2 Operating and Capital Budgets

- Amy Gilmer noted that the operating and capital budget process has passed the budget committee and will go to council next week. All upcoming projects, budgets and finances can be found on the website <https://www.porthope.ca/en/your-municipal-government/budget-and-finances.aspx#2021-Capital-Budget>

7.3 Thank You

- S. Forsyth thanked R. Dahle for her time on the committee.
- S. Forsyth and J. Bickle thanked D. Frosst McInnes for her time on the committee.

8. Next Meeting

January 14, 2021 @ 5:00pm

9. Adjournment