



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

3:00 pm

Essex County Civic Centre - Room D

360 Fairview Avenue West

Second Floor

Essex Ontario N8M 1Y6

Committee	Debbie Alexander
Members:	Christine Easterbrook, Chair
	Brad Frenette
	Diana Kirkbride
	Gord Queen
	Fern Walsh
Absent:	Therese Lecuyer
Administration:	Katherine Hebert

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

2. Recording of Attendance

The Chair noted that Ms. Lecuyer was absent due to illness, all other members were present.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

4.1 August 8, 2019 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

24-2019

Moved By Debbie Alexander

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations

25-2019

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Debbie Alexander

That Mr. Holland be permitted to address the ECAAC with his presentation.

Carried

5.1 Scott Holland, Manager of Technical and Building Services - County of Essex

Presentation of preliminary plan for renovation of public washrooms within the Civic Centre building. Seeking feedback from the ECAAC on accessibility aspects of the project.

Mr. Holland provided a broad overview of the plans for public bathroom renovations in the basement of the Civic Centre. He noted that the drawing provided was not the final plan, but just a working copy that could be amended.

The members of the Committee offered the following suggestions:

- Asked to see a drawing with measurements before final approval is made;
- Shower stall to be accessible, since the plan is only for 1 shower;
- Heights of fixtures etc. be indicated on future drawings.

Mr. Holland received the comments of the Committee and committed to returning with updated drawings when they become available.

6. Communications

The Committee discussed the communication items among themselves. It was noted that some would be shared on Facebook.

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Moved By Brad Frenette

Seconded By Debbie Alexander

That the communication items for the September 12, 2019 meeting be received.

Carried

6.1 Cbc.ca

New 'dynamic' accessibility symbol in Cambridge a long time coming: advocates

6.2 Tvo.org

Why this advocate fights for disability justice - not just accessibility.

6.3 University Affairs

Carleton to lead Canadian Accessibility Network

6.4 shrm.org

Canada Passes Law for More Accessible Federal Workplaces

6.5 NY Post

Workers with disabilities bring a range of strengths and assets to the job.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Facebook

The Chair noted that the recent post from Fern Walsh got over 700 views. She noted that it is her intention to post regarding service animals for next month.

Mr. Queen suggested that the Chair may tie into the recent story about school board policies pertaining to service animals.

7.2 Celebrate Our Abilities - Accessibility Awareness Walk 2019

Discussion took place with regard to the arrangements for the walk on Saturday September 14th. It was decided that members would arrive by 10:30AM and that the speaking order would be as follows:

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- Christine Easterbrook to welcome and introduce Mayor Bondy;
- Mayor Bondy on behalf of the Town of LaSalle;
- Gord Queen, on behalf of County Council.

Christine would then lead the group into the walk.

7.3 Fall Speaker Update

Discussion took place about saving the date for David Lepofsky. October 17th currently works for his schedule although details are not yet confirmed. (*Confirmed now for November 5th*)

It was noted that when details were confirmed with Mr. Lepofsky, more information would be provided to the Committee.

8. Reports and Questions

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the ECAAC will take place on October 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

The ECAAC members were reminded to gather for the Celebrate Our Abilities - Accessibility Awareness Walk on Saturday September 14, 2019 at the Vollmer Centre pavilion in LaSalle.

Mr. Frenette advised that he would be at another engagement on October 10th and would not be attending the meeting.

11. Adjournment

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Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Brad Frenette

That the September 12, 2019 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Carried