

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

**MINUTES
November 19, 2020**

Location: Teams Video Meeting
Time: 9:00am
Present: Cathy Topping, Councillor Stephen Peters, Sheila Rodaway, Tracey Tiersma, Brenda Ryan, Ken Lizotte, Amy McWhirter
Regrets: Graham Dart, Leslie McClure, Deborah Herridge-Walters,

9:07a.m. The meeting convened with C. Topping, Chair, presiding.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by: B. Ryan – S. Rodaway

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Budget: with COVID-19, there have been no expenses or change to the committee funds. Members discussed options on where to direct left over monies. There was interest expressed in supporting accessible benches or tables for the new outdoor recreation complex – 1Password Park.

Motion by: S. Peters – A. McWhirter

THAT: The Committee direct the Secretary to request that the remainder of the 2020 Municipal Accessibility Committee Budgeted fund be donated to procuring accessible fixtures for 1Password Park.

Carried.

2. Special Events: With COVID-19, meetings and most events have been cancelled – nothing to report
3. Site Plan Control: Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Invitation to Ryan Hooey from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Foundation (CBNIB)– Ontario West - will be postponed until a spring 2021 meeting. The committee may extend an invitation to a virtual meeting if an in-person meeting is not possible.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee received a more detailed description from the Transportation Technician of how the new Demand Response Transit (DRT) worked but directed the secretary to request more details on how the new upgrades will affect the current method of booking a parallel transit rides with respect to cancellations, standing orders and priority bookings. If required, the committee may request another meeting early December and extend an invitation to the Transportation Technician.

NEXT MEETING

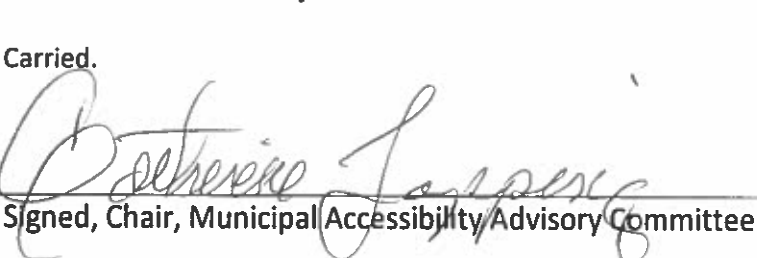
The next meeting will be Thursday January 21st at 9:00am via Microsoft Teams unless otherwise changed to accommodate an early meeting for Transit discussion.

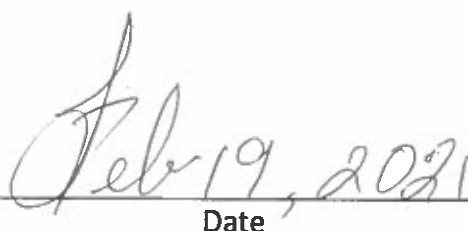
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: B. Ryan – K. Lizotte

THAT: The committee adjourned at 9:51a.m.

Carried.


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date