

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES February 24, 2022

Location: Teams Video Meeting

Time: 9:00am

Present: C. Topping, Councillor S. Peters, S. Rodaway, T. Tiersma, K. Lizotte, A. Williams, L. McClure; B. Ryan, M. Sylvester

9:02 a.m. The meeting convened with B. Ryan Chair, presiding.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by: L. McClure– C. Topping

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on February 3, 2022 be confirmed.

Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER – Michelle Sylvester, a former member of this committee, introduced herself to the members.

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

1. Budget: Nothing to report.
2. On Special Events committee meetings: Nothing to report.
3. Site Plan Control: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. National AccessAbility Week – Sunday May 29th – Saturday June 4th

Flag Raising opportunity and requesting that the week be declared National AccessAbility Week. Additionally, posts regarding the week could be shared on the City's social media platforms.

A. Williams to investigate options to purchase a new Accessibility Week flag and report back at the next meeting.

Motion by: C. Peters – A. Williams

THAT: The secretary purchases a new flag and that the secretary write a letter to Council to request that May 29th – June 4th be declared National AccessAbility Week, that the Chair would sign the letter and submit it on behalf of the committee to the Clerk's department.

Carried.

2. **Annual Open House** – List of action items from past Open House to be forwarded to the committee members in preparation for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update from R. Patrick on Transit Procurement input from previous meeting was discussed. S. Rodaway looked at specs and shared concerns on the interior design of the buses and asked if ramps were options since the photos only showed steps. Members further discussed if committee members could guide decision process. W. Sylvester, who stood on the committee at the time of the last procurement, stated they could make suggestions, but that the tendering process didn't guarantee them. The Secretary reminded committee that the process for purchasing electric buses would be done through a collective procurement with other municipalities.

NEXT MEETING

Chair called meeting for March 24, 2022 at 9am via Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: K. Lizotte – C. Peters

THAT: The committee adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Carried.


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date