

AGENDA

Date: Thursday September 21, 2023

Location: Memorial Arena Auditorium, 80 Wilson Avenue

Time: 3:30 p.m. (To Follow Joint Meeting with the Elgin County-Central Elgin Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Confirmation of the August 24, 2023 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Remembrance Day Special Event & Road Closure
2. 2023 Open House

Review of Updated Event Feedback Form **Pages 2-3**

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

1. Budget:

Consideration of Refreshments - Tim Hortons will donate a matching amount to what is purchased.

Update Relating to Dreams Come True Music Performance Cost

2. Special Events:

3. Site Plan Control:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Blind Square in Pinafore Park **Page 4**

An inquiry has been received from Nicole Mchugh about community need for mapping Pinafore Park in the Blind Square application.

Statistics relating to Sight Loss has been received from the CNIB.

2. Provincial Funding and Grant Opportunities

NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT



The St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Elgin County - Central Elgin Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to thank you for attending today's AccessAbility Open House.

Please fill out this short survey to provide feedback for planning future events.

1. Is this your first time attending the Open House?

- Yes No

2. How did you hear about this event?

3. Why did you choose to attend this event?

4. What was your favorite moment or element from the event?

5. How likely are you to attend a future event?

- Likely Maybe Not Likely

6. Tell us about your experience today and whether you have any suggestions for future events:

Blind Square Inquiry

Subject: Accessibility Committee - Blind Square

Hi Jon,

I received a call from Nicole Mchugh who is working on her thesis for university in September which covers a community project. Her goal is to get Blind Square, a GPS app developed for the blind, deafblind and partially sighted, implemented into Pinafore Park.

<https://www.blindsquare.com/>

Through talking with her she is trying to determine the need in the community for this so I thought its best she connects with the accessibility committee, and we can proceed from there.

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Information from CNIB

Hello John,

Hope all is well - I am writing in response to you re your request for stats for the St. Thomas region. While we don't have more specific numbers to your region, we can say that the proportion of persons with sight loss nationwide is 5.4%. You can use that to estimate the number of persons with sight loss in your region.

Best,

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Statistics Note

Based on a population of 43,000, 5.4% of persons with sight loss would be approximately 2,322 individuals within St. Thomas.