

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday July 18, 2023

Location: St. Thomas Senior's Centre

Time: 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. The meeting convened with M. Sylvester, Chair presiding.

Attendance:

Members

Michelle Sylvester, Chair

Catherine Topping, Vice Chair

Councillor Rose Gibson

John Allen

Joe Docherty Jr.

Sheila Rodaway

Ed Vandermaarel

City Officials

Jon Hindley, Deputy City Clerk

Absent

Ken Lizotte

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by E. Vandermaarel - S. Rodaway:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2023, be confirmed.

Carried.

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

1. Budget

The members discussed upcoming expenditures including tablecloths and lunch and driver wages for the site audits.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the County did not have money set aside for the Open House this year, but there may be potential in future years.

The members discussed their appreciation for the work the County is doing to help organize the event and contact vendors.

The members discussed continuing to be responsible for the front registration desk welcoming visitors to the event.

The members agreed not to purchase any additional gift bags for this year and use up any current supplies.

2. Special Events

S. Rodaway advised that a number of events were approved at the previous Special Events Committee meeting and that there were no accessibility issues noted.

3. Site Plan Control

There was no update under this committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Remembrance Day Special Event & Road Closure

Councillor Gibson advised that there is a small committee formed at the Legion to review the parking lot and street area, designated area for veterans, access to parking lot for buses and the potential to use green space for the Remembrance Day Special Event.

2. Open House

Councillor Gibson advised that she is still waiting to hear back from Vanpelts about the setup fee for the tablecloths and will report back at the next meeting. She further advised that production time is only 3-4 weeks from order date.

3. Accessible Parking near St. Thomas Public Library

The Deputy City Clerk advised that a site visit would be taking place in front of the St. Thomas Public Library on July 25, 2023 to review spacing and potential for curb cuts and the creation of accessible parking spots.

The members discussed the fact that a formal request may still need to be made to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Site Audits

The members conducted site audits of the Social Services office (230 Talbot Street), 200 Chestnut Street and the Doug Tarry Sports Complex.

2. 2023 Accessibility Plan

Motion by C. Topping - J. Docherty Jr.:

THAT: Consideration of the 2023 Accessibility Plan be postponed to the August meeting.

Carried.

3. Taxi By-law – Requirements for Display of ID Card

The Deputy City Clerk provided an overview of requirements in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the City's Taxi By-law relating to the display of ID Cards.

The Chair advised that on two recent taxi trips, the driver's ID Card was not displayed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that he would forward the concern to by-law enforcement staff on behalf of the Committee.

4. Request for Free Transit - AccessAbility Open House

Motion by J. Allen – Councillor Gibson:

THAT: The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee support the submission of a request to the Roads and Transportation Division relating to free transit, addition of an after hours On Demand Transit bus and a temporary stop in front of Memorial Arena for the 2023 AccessAbility Open House.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

August 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Allen - J. Docherty Jr.:

THAT: The committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Carried.