



Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024
Presiding Officer: Danielle Laurie
Members present: Megan Marchant, Olivia Canning, Ashlyn Brownell, and Mandy Blake
Regrets: Tracy Briggs, Kirsten Hiltz, Arnold MacDonald, and Amanda Purdy

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney – CAO, and Stan McDougall (recording secretary)

1. Call to Order / Welcome

Chair Danielle Laurie called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with round-table introductions to welcome Ashlyn Brownell.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Olivia Canning and seconded by Megan Marchant that the agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for October 28, 2024, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes – May 27, 2024.

Danielle Laurie, Chair, on October 28, 2024

4. Business

4.1 Combine Plans – Accessibility, Anti-Racism, and Equity.

Linda Cloney discussed with the committee the possibility of combining the Accessibility plan with the plan from the Office of Anti-Racism and Equity that is forthcoming. Combining the two plans was discussed as something that small municipalities are doing that do not have the staff and resources for separate plans.

The requirement is to have at least 50% of the committee consisting of individuals with disabilities and it was thought that the existing committee is already meeting this requirement. The scope of work would need amending to include the Accessibility, Anti-Racism, and Equity combined plan. The committee agreed through consensus that combining the two plans would be acceptable discussing that the Accessibility plan and lens of accessibility should also consider a lens of equity and anti-racism to be all-inclusive.

The committee discussed the possibility of inviting the Welcoming Committee and Y-Reach representative to attend upcoming Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings to share in their lived experiences toward the development of the combined plan. Also, letters to businesses or invitations to businesses to attend future meetings would also be an option to help motivate local businesses to adopt accessibility, anti-racism, and equity in their businesses and buildings.

The committee also offered suggestions to invite the Oxford Community Centre committee to attend meetings to discuss the accessibility, anti-racism and equity of the new Community Centre being constructed. It would also be tabled to hold “Chase the Ace” and other fundraisers with the Oxford Community Centre committee to help raise funds for an accessible playground.

Getting more information out to the public and posting to invite more people to join the Accessibility Committee was also discussed. Ideas including posting more information on Facebook and our website as well as

the possibility of adding an Accessibility, Anti-Racism and Equity Oxford Facebook Page were all tabled.

Linda Cloney would bring the recommendation to combine the plans to the next COW meeting.

5. Correspondence

Nil

6. Schedule next meeting date

The tentative date for the next meeting was set for Monday November 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM



Danielle Laurie, Chair



Stan McDougall, Recording Secretary

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Date Approved

