TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 17, 2014
7:00 PM

MUNICIPAL OFFICES 111 SANDIFORD DR, STOUFFVILLE ROOM

Chair: Alan Wolfe

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held as noted above.

Present: Sharon MacFadden, Phil Bannon, Claudette Zabsonre, Linda Harvey, Anna Trokova, and Kirsten Hill Heather Andrews Bruno Geremia

Regrets, Jason Rumball, Glyde MacLennan

Guest: Andrew McNeely, Karen Ewart

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Sharon
SECONDED by Kirsten
THAT the agenda be confirmed as circulated

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Sharon
SECONDED by Kirsten

THAT the minutes of PREVIOUS MEETING February 20, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS, GUEST SPEAKERS / DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION / DECISION ITEMS

1. Presentation by Andrew McNeely of the Functional Design for the proposed expansion of the Leisure Centre and Library

Andrew reviewed the design in detail. In summary, the new facility will include the provision of new multi-purpose rooms, expanded swimming area, and new fitness area, new change rooms including a dedicated accessible change facility, a gymnasium, a senior centre, and a new larger library.

The total area of the new facility will be 140,000 sf including a 36,000 sf library. The total budget is currently $28,000,000.

Andrew committed to have the facility designed to meet the needs of all ages and abilities. He also committed to involve the committee in all stages of the design similar to the process utilized for the design of the civic centre.

2. Presentation by Karen Ewart on the review of the Election Poles

Karen reviewed the proposed voting locations and the voting location inspection form with the committee.

The committee felt the form was very comprehensive. Members of the committee volunteered to participate in the review of the locations.
CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

1. Committee Administration

MOVED BY: Heather
SECONDED By: Sharon

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved as submitted by the Town Staff

CARRIED

Alan also mentioned that Angela Graham will be joining the committee. In addition, the Town has appointed Sheila Schweizer as the new staff liaison person for the committee. They both should be attending our next meeting.

2. Town Projects

The design process for a major expansion to the leisure centre and the library has started. The presentation by Andrew is the first step. The committee will monitor the progress carefully.

3. New Construction Standards

There is was no further information to report on this item.

4. Accessibility Plan

Due to the length of the meeting, this item will be reviewed in detail at the next meeting.

5. Facility Tours

Alan mentioned the Ability Centre in Whitby. There was some interest in reviewing their facilities and programs at our next meeting.

6 Site Plan Review

Alan will respond to the correspondence from Isa and the IBI group to
clarify the status of our requests and to emphasize the importance of going beyond the requirements of the building code to provide accessibility features.

7 Demographic Sub-Committee Report

This item will be dropped from future meetings due to lack of interest.

8 Transportation Report

Phil reported that our suggestions were reviewed by Council and forwarded to the Region of York for the appropriate action.

9 Downtown Working Group

Councillor Bannon reported that there was more discussion regarding the Pace Condo Development. He also the Town is still offering a $50,000 grant for facade and accessibility improvements for business in the downtown area.

10 Goals for 2013-2014

No new goals were identified.

11 Voting Issues

The committee will be kept informed by Karen of any issue that arise for voting for the election.

12 Communications

At the last meeting, Jason presented an idea to broadcast our meetings on Whistle Radio. Although the idea was greatly appreciated there were concerns on how it could be implemented and how it would affect the nature and discussion of the meetings. It was the consensus of the committee that it would be best not to broadcast the meetings; however, summaries of the meetings could be provided by committee members on a regular basis.

CORRESPONDENCE
NEW BUSINESS

The problem of the constricted nature of the entrances at many coffee establishments such as Country Style and Tim Horton’s was discussed. It is very difficult to retrofit the existing buildings; however, the committee will be looking at plans for future buildings to eliminate this barrier.

Kirsten mentioned a seminar on age related eye diseases was being held at the Latchman Hall and sponsored by the 55 plus Club.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by: Kirsten
SECONDED by: Claudette

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 pm.

CARRIED