

Minutes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hybrid in-person and virtual meeting

Members:	L. Root, Chair M. Ashkewe, Vice-Chair K. Beitz A. Cameron S. Cooper-Webb E. Lowenger D. McMurdo J. Popkey T. Stevens D. Stienstra
Members Absent	S. Ferguson Prior Z. Jacobs C. Lytle B. McPherson J. Svehla
Staff:	S. Cunneyworth, Accessibility Coordinator L. Warren, Project Specialist, Accessibility E. Barber, Board and Committee Coordinator J. da Silva, Board and Committee Coordinator J. Slater, Manager Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator S. O'Brien, General Manager City Clerk's Office/City Clerk C. Vannelli, Park Planner A. Miller, Project Engineer B. Walker, Project Coordinator D. Waters, Trails Technologist I. Scott, Manager, Facility Design and Construction J. Starchuk, Program Manager

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. (3:09 p.m.)

1.1 Welcome to All

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Root delivered the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.3 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts declared.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Stevens

That the August 15, 2023 Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda be approved.

Carried

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Cameron

That the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

2. Committee Items

2.1 2026 Municipal Election: Research findings and decision making criteria for voting methods and accessible voting service enhancements

Carrie Murray-Sprague, Council Committee Coordinator, made a presentation and received committee member comments on the

2026 Municipal Election Research findings and decision making criteria for voting methods and accessible voting service enhancements.

Moved by: Member Stevens

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

That the members of the AAC receive the information provided by the City Clerk's Office relating to alternative voting methods and accessible voting service enhancements.

And that the members of the AAC recommend the addition of the question: Does not offering the voting method, disenfranchise people? to the City Clerk's Office regarding the decision making criteria to evaluate the voting methods and enhancements.

Carried

2.2 Margaret Greene Splash Pad - Final Concept Design

Christina Vannelli, Park Planner, made a presentation and received committee member comments on the Margaret Greene splash pad final concept design.

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

That the AAC motions to receive and support the final concept plan for the Margaret Greene Splash Pad.

Carried

2.3 College Avenue Protected Cycling Infrastructure

Andrew Miller, Project Engineer, made a presentation and received committee member comments and feedback on the College Avenue protected cycling infrastructure.

Moved by: Member Popkey

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

That the AAC request that more information be provided before the committee supports the design, and consideration for year-

round weather maintenance be included, as well as yielding for cyclists to pedestrians and bus users, and more information about disability aids getting through the protected intersection safely be included.

Carried

2.4 Draft Design for Trail Curb Cut Standard

Daniel Waters, Trails Technologist, made a presentation and received committee member comments and feedback on the draft design for trail curb cut standard.

Moved by: Member Popkey

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

That the AAC supports the draft designs for the Trail Curb Cut Standard, and that city staff consider installation of curb cuts at locations identified through public engagement as well as the Steffler Park location.

Carried

2.5 South End Community Centre (SECC): Recreational Trail and Design Update

Ian Scott, Manager, Facility Design and Construction, made a presentation and received committee member comments on the South End Community Centre Recreational Trail and Design Update.

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Cameron

That the AAC reviewed the multi-use trail design, and recommend that accessible seating be looked at as part of the design, and the Committee supports it.

Carried

2.6 Riverside Park: Bandshell Renovations and New Trails

Jean Starchuk, Program Manager, provided a presentation and received committee member comments on the Riverside Park Bandshell Renovations and New Trails.

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Cameron

That the AAC supports renovations to the existing Riverside Park Bandshell and Bandshell Washrooms and the new trail design and would like to see if the entire stage can be made accessible to be considered as part of the design.

Carried

2.7 Site Plan Internal Review Report

Sarah Cunneyworth, Accessibility Coordinator, provided the committee with a verbal update on the number of site plan internal reviews.

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

Motion to receive the information provided as part of the Site Plan Internal Review Report.

Carried

3. Staff Announcements

1. The Guelph Barrier Free Committee Access Recognition Awards (ARAs) are back! Nominations open Tuesday, September 5 and close Tuesday, October 10.

- For more information visit <https://guelphbarrierfreecommittee.org/>

2. Emma Street to Earl Street Bridge Project Update: Approval has been received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to proceed with the Emma to Earl Bridge Project. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks denied the Order request under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act. Staff are expected to return to the AAC regarding this project in October 2023.

- See News Release for more details: [City of Guelph moving ahead with Emma Street to Earl Street foot and bike bridge](#).

There were no verbal staff announcements.

4. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Popkey

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned. (4:56 p.m.)

Carried