



Minutes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 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. Ferguson Prior
 - E. Lowenger
 - J. Popkey
 - D. Stienstra
 - J. Svehla
- Members Absent
- S. Cooper-Webb
 - C. Lytle
- Staff:
- A. Jaworiwsky, Manager, Tourism and Destination Development
 - K. Beese, Accessibility Services Coordinator
 - I. Goldie, Project Manager, Heritage Planning
 - P. Hutchison, Supervisor, Traffic Engineering
 - L. Warren, Project Specialist, Accessibility
 - G. Meades, Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
 - A. Sandor, Council and Committee Coordinator
 - J. Tang, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order (3:07 p.m.).

1.1 Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgment

1.2 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures or conflicts declared.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Member Svehla

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

That the February 18, 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda be approved.

Carried

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Svehla

That the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes of the following be approved.

Carried

2. Consent Agenda

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Askewe

That the February 18, 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee Consent Agenda as outlined below be approved:

2.1 Parks Planning Update of Upcoming January Council Report

2.2 Extension to Provincial Feedback Deadline for the Accessible Customer Service Draft Standard

2.3 Introduction of Interim Staff Liaise for the AAC

2.4 Vision Zero Upcoming Council Report

2.5 College Ave at Edinburgh Rd Protected Intersection is complete

Carried

3. Committee Items

3.1 Introduction to the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines

Imogen Goldie, Project Manager, Heritage Planning, presented the Introduction to the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines.

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Lowenger

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive and review the staff report 'Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District –update and introduction to Phase 2'

Carried

3.2 Accessible On-Street Parking - Downtown Seasonal Patios

Alex Jaworiwsky, Manager, Tourism & Destination Development and Paul Hutchinson, Supervisor, Traffic Engineering presented on the Accessible On-Street Parking - Downtown Seasonal Patios.

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Piper

1. The Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the information on the Process for Moving Accessible Spaces during the Seasonal Patio Program, dated February 18, 2025.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that staff refer to the meeting on February 18, 2025 and consider the feedback provided at the meeting on the Process or Moving Accessible Spaces during the Seasonal Patio Program.

Carried

3.3 Mobility Transit Application Discussion

Chair Root presented the Mobility Transit Application Discussion.

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Svehla

1. The AAC recommends that the city review the application process for the Mobility program in 2025, to address the length and invasive nature of the application and refer to the feedback given at the meeting on 2025-02-18. In addition, the AAC requests to be involved in a direct discussion with staff about this process during that review. The AAC also recommends that the application form should not request private medical information.
2. The AAC recommends that mobility transit passes should not expire for individuals with long term disabilities.

Carried

3.4 TaxiScrip Program General Discussion

Chair Root presented the TaxiScrip Program General Discussion.

Moved by: Member Cameron

Seconded by: Member Ashkewe

1. The AAC recommends that the city review the application process for the TaxiScrip program in 2025 to expand eligibility and refer to the feedback given at the meeting on Feb. 18, 2025. In addition, the AAC requests to be involved in a direct discussion with staff about this process during that review.
2. The AAC recommends that approval for mobility transit service should not be a requirement in order to apply for the TaxiScrip program.

Carried

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Ashkewe

Seconded by: Member Svehla

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned (4:30 p.m.).

Carried