

## **Clarington Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes for the meeting of**

**April 7, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

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**Present:** Sylvia Jaspers-Fayer, Vice-Chair  
Pinder DaSilva  
Deb Kalogris  
Marina Ross  
Sarah Taylor  
Tim Van Leeuwen  
Sarah McConaghy  
Catherine McConaghy  
Councillor Janice Jones

**Also Present:** Jeannette Whynot, Accessibility Coordinator

**Regrets:** Shea-Lea Latchford, Chair

### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Deb Kalogris; seconded by Sarah Taylor

That the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

### **3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes**

#### **3.1 Update on Inclusive Communities Grant Application**

Jeannette shared that the Municipality was successful and will be receiving approximately \$59,000 to implement up to 8 charging sites across the municipality in local parks, and accessible recreational trails. Focus of grant was to get people outside and be active given that people couldn't access internal facilities during the pandemic but recognize getting outside could be a barrier for those that use a mobility device that requires a charge.

Some charging locations will be where hydro is available; other areas will need to source solar powered options (i.e. benches with solar panels attached to them). Located along trail heads to ensure safety of users and the equipment.

Additional considerations for charging stations discussed by the Committee:

- Signage at entrance to the various trails/paths to advise that there are accessible charging stations available;
- Signage indicating that charging priority to be given to mobility devices;
- Accessible benches with extra-long pads;
- Proposed design of the benches – no arms on side, with one arm in the middle

Moved by Tim Van Leeuwen, seconded by Deb Kalgoris,

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the Clarington Charges Forward mobility devices charging station project

**Carried**

Moved by Pinder DaSilva; Seconded by Sylvia Jaspers Fayer,

That the Municipality of Clarington purchase and install outdoor seating benches with a single armrest in the middle and no arm rests on the side for the mobility device charging locations

**Carried**

### **3.2 Accessible parking Newcastle**

North west corner of Newcastle townhall on the street. Jeannette will share designs at the next meeting. We have the budget but in the design phase with engineering department.

### **3.3 Service Ontario Bowmanville**

Motion was sent to council and they have approved, correspondence sent off to province. Jeannette will share any response she receives.

## **4. New Business**

The Committee discussed possible initiatives for National AccessAbility Week (May 29-June 5). Some ideas discussed:

Tweet a day, highlighting charging stations, LEAD Process, snow clearing program, what the library can do for people with disabilities, which trails are accessible and how to get to them, etc.

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The Municipality is planning a private event (due to Covid-19) on June 2nd to unveil the newly renovated Orono Hall (elevator and universal accessible bathroom); will also discuss the charging stations that week and other exciting projects. Event will be recorded and shared via social media video in the afternoon.

Jeannette is coordinating some staff Lunch and learns. One session will be specifically for managers and is called “Inclusive Leadership”. More information will be provided at the May meeting.

Committee members are to brainstorm ideas for this week and share at the May meeting, or with Jeannette directly if they require time to plan.

### **5. Adjournment**

Moved by Tim Van Leeuwen; seconded by Deb Kalgoris

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

**Next meeting Wednesday, May 5 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

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