

Clarington Accessibility Advisory Committee
Minutes for the meeting of
May 4, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

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Present: Shea-Lea Latchford, Chair
Sylvia Jaspers-Fayer, Vice-Chair
Pinder DaSilva
Marina Ross
Catherine McConaghy
Sarah Taylor
Deb Kalogris
Sarah McConaghy
Councilor Janice Jones

Also Present: Laila Shafi, Temporary Accessibility Coordinator
Emilie Michalovic, Abilities Center

Regrets: Tim Van Leeuwen

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Land Acknowledgement Agreement

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

As there was no quorum at the last meeting, the minutes of both the March and April minutes are to be approved:

That the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2022 be approved. Moved by Debbie, seconded by Sarah M

Carried

That the minutes of April 6, 2022 be approved. Moved by Deb, seconded by Sylvia.

Carried

5. Abilities Center Survey Results and Presentation:

Emilie Michalovic, from the Abilities Center presented the findings from the survey that was discussed in the February meeting.

Pinder will send the findings and PowerPoint presentation to Laila to share with the committee.

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

6.1 National AccessAbility Week 2022:

(a) Colouring Pages, Prizes and Winner Selection:

- Coloring pages will be available in hard copy at the recreation facilities and libraries. This will also be available at a booth at the Celebrate Clarington event on July 1st, 2022.
- Initially it was thought to have participation for certain age groups, but it is decided that age groups, would be welcome to participate to make it more inclusive.
- In drawing for winners, three winners can be drawn in the categories of up to 6 years of age and 7 and up (with no limit to the age).
- Will do draws on Celebrate Clarington Day to determine winners randomly and present prizes
- Prizes can include jumbo chalk, bubbles, notebooks with the Clarington logo, picnic blankets with the Clarington logo.
- All coloring page submissions will be displayed at the Celebrate Clarington celebrations.

(b) Red Shirt Day Reminder:

- A reminder for committee members to take pictures in their red shirts and submit them to Laila to be included in the collage for Red Shirt Day on June 1st, 2022.

(c) Accessibility Award Nomination:

- Nominations for this are due August 2nd, 2022. The committee will compile names and send to Laila to be shared at the next committee meeting, so a discussion can take place.

6.2 Accessible Libraries:

- The library has an accessible reading collection and services that they provide such as, overdrive, audio books and daisy readers, among others.
- They are looking to launch decodable books which have phonetic lettering which is used mostly for individuals who have dyslexia. They

are looking to launch this in collaboration with the Municipality of Clarington during National AccessAbility Week.

7. New Business

7.1 HMD Survey:

- Marina discussed that the Hidden Mobility Disability Project (hmdproject.org) is conducting a survey about the ability to walk only short distances or stand unsupported for only a brief time without significant health consequences. They have an online participation and discussion.
- The survey looks at access and attitudinal behaviors that become barriers to access. This project is funded under the ACA, and everyone is encouraged to participate.
- Laila will share the link in a follow-up email.

7.2 Washroom at Loblaws in Bowmanville:

- Sarah Taylor mentioned that the washroom at the Loblaws in Bowmanville did not have an accessible symbol on the door. The door was also heavy and there was no automated button to open the door. The broken diaper change table also reduces the space in the washroom making it harder to maneuver around.
- Laila will investigate and update the committee.

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7.4 Other Business:

None

8. Adjournment

Moved by Sarah, Seconded by Sarah Taylor

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams