



Clarington Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday February 13, 2024 6:30 p.m
Hybrid Format
Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

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Present: Lesley Scherer (Chair)
Keith Brettell
Sanja Wirch
Beatrice Kraayenhof
Sheikh Hossain

Also Present: Todd Brown, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants
Jeannette Whynot – Accessibility Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Corinna Traill
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The meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Jeannette Whynot shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations

3. Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Consultation

Jeannette shared welcome remarks and introduced Todd Brown, consultant for the Municipality’s Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

Todd began his consultation by discussing with members what they would like to see for indoor recreation facilities, such as arenas and community centres. Members discussed items such as: accessible seating/viewing areas in arenas, providing bariatric seating, seating with moveable armrests, creating a sledge hockey/accessible arena, accessible skating sled rentals, larger more universal change rooms, and wheelchair height tables at concessions.

The Committee then discussed what outdoor amenities they would like to see. Members offered the following suggestions: larger play structures for teens/adults (including outdoor fitness equipment, ninja/obstacle), improve lighting, emergency phones (blue light system found on post-secondary campuses), improve beach accessibility (beach access mats,

boardwalks, etc), truly accessible playgrounds, more shade in outdoor spaces (natural and structures), accessible rest areas (with shade) and visual edges along recreational trails.

The Committee also discussed:

- Expanding the inclusion program beyond summer camps. Offer it for regular programming and for adults with disabilities.
- Disability-specific classes/programs (ASL meet ups, life skills classes, job skill classes, social skills, etc).
 - There was a discussion about whether it was better to have separate or integrated offerings. There are pros and cons to both, but the AAC generally felt like offering both would be the most inclusive.
- Indoor playground that offers drop-in times.
- Snoezelen room (sensory room that is bookable).
- Indoor walking/wheeling tracks.
- Keep the cost of room rentals low.
 - One member advised that to rent a library room for group knitting had become cost prohibitive recently.

4. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday March 12 at 6:30pm – Regular AAC meeting.

5. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Keith Brettell, seconded by Sanja Wirch,

Carried