



Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Minutes

Present: Jolene Munro, Donna Schirle, Jodi Foreman, Councillor Lynn Campbell, Tony Laundrie, Karen Hakonson,

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Clerk's Assistant (recording the minutes)

1. Call to Order

Chair Foreman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Karen Hakonson that the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting be approved.

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3. Hearing of Deputations

None

4. General Items

Chair Foreman began the meeting by thanking Ms. Munro for the time and dedication to the committee as the previous chair.

1) Community Accessibility Event

The Clerk's Assistant (Ms. Drake) advised that Durham Region Transit is currently developing electronic training materials on how to use On Demand Transit, noting they would be in contact once it is determined the best way to share those resources, and they are aware of the committee's desire to share that information during National Access Awareness Week.

2) DRT – Public Information Centres: Social Equity policy, and Customer Policies

The Clerk's Assistant (Ms. Drake) advised the information has been posted to the Township website. Chair Foreman advised that the platform is very user friendly, and the information has been presented in a well thought out manner, encouraging members of the committee to participate.

3) Sidewalk Master Plan

The Clerk's Assistant (Ms. Drake) advised that the Director of Public Works is currently updating the Sidewalk Master Plan to reflect the 2021 budget, and that the plan will be presented to the committee for review this year. Chair Foreman requested that winter maintenance standards and procedures be included in the report.

Councillor Campbell noted that sidewalks are closed in the winter months as a safety and liability precaution if they cannot be properly maintained.

4) Accessibility Award

The Clerk's Assistant (Ms. Drake) advised that the nomination form will be available on the Township website and in hardcopy, and that nominations are open until May 31, 2021 and that the call for nominations is promoted through the Township website, social media, e-newsletter and newspaper.

Chair Foreman encouraged the committee to spread awareness of the award and to consider businesses and organizations that have adapted to serve the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee discussed initiatives that are currently taking place within Brock that could be considered.

Councillor Campbell requested a status update on the Manilla Hall renovations, to which the Clerk's Assistant advised she would follow up.

Mr. Laundrie noted the importance of recognizing those organizations that go above and beyond the legislated requirements.

5. Other Items & Inquiries

1) New Business

Ms. Munro advised that the committee for Janes Walk is working on preparations for this years event and that she would like to encourage committee members to participate noting the event usually occurs on the first weekend in May as a social event to walk around the neighbour, learn about your community and meet your neighbours.

2) Next Meeting Date – May 18, 2021

6. Adjournment

Moved by Tony Laundrie to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED