TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 21, 2016
7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL OFFICES 111 SANDIFORD DR, STOUFFVILLE ROOM

Chair: Alan Wolfe

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held as noted above.

Present: Alan Wolfe, Scott Harvey, Kirsten Hill, Jason Rumball, Claudette Zabsonre, and Councillor Rick Upton

Regrets: Anna Trokova, Linda Harvey, and Bruno Geremia

Guests:
- Scott Rose, Manager Facilities and Parks
- Micole Rubinoff, Manager of Recreation
- Pavlina Thompson, Manager of HR
- Sharon McFadden

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By: Scott
Seconded By: Kirsten

That the agenda be approved as circulated.
Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Scott
Seconded By: Kirsten

That the minutes be approved as circulated
Carried
DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
None

PRESENTATIONS, GUEST SPEAKERS / DELEGATIONS

DISCUSSION

Micole reviewed the progress on accessible programs with the committee as follows:

- There is a staff person assigned to monitor and develop the adapted programs. Her name is Ashley Arrada.
- A subsidy program has been developed for the adapted programs. An amount of $5000.00 is available.
- Support workers can attend programs for free.
- Non-resident fees for adapted programs are being reviewed and waived.
- A partnership with the Special Olympics has been established. A soccer tournament is scheduled for 2016 at the Bethesda Park.
- There are a number of fund raising initiatives being undertaken to help fund the adapted programs including Bottle Shed (collection of beer and wine bottles for recycling) and a committee yard sale.
- Scott H offered to have his Air Cadet help with these initiatives.
- The adapted swimming program is very active.
- A new accessible lift is being purchased for 2016.
- An accessible swing has been installed at the new Greenwood Park.
• Accessible facilities will be installed at the new Stouffer Parkette including an aroma garden. The plans for the park were reviewed with the committee and area available on the web site.
• The major initiative for an accessible park will be at the central park adjacent to the Leisure Centre.

The committee was impressed with the progress that is being made and thanks Micole for her informative presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

1) Committee Administration

Pavlina was introduced to the committee. The committee welcome Pavlina and is looking forward to a productive term.

The committee approved the new Terms of Reference for 2014-2018.

The committee welcomed Sharon to the meeting and Alan committed to discuss with the Town how Sharon can be reinstated as a committee member.

2) Town Projects Design Review
   a) Ballantrae Field House

   Scott explained that the field house would be a seasonal structure and would not be the best location for a full serviced adult change table. However, the community centre would be a better location and will be considered for a full serviced accessible washroom with an adult change table including all appropriate appurtenances.
b) Coultice Park

Rob Raycroft committed to installation of an adult change table. This should include a ceiling lift and any other appropriate appurtenance.

Scott is to confirm this with Rob.

c) Accessibility Projects

Scott is to bring a list of the approved 2016 projects and proposed 2017 projects.

d) Leisure Centre Renovation

Scott is to arrange for the project architects to attend the May 19th meeting to discuss the committee’s accessibility concerns.

3) New Construction Standards

The committee will monitor them for effectiveness and enforcement on an ongoing basis.

4) Accessibility Plan

Pavlina noted that the Town has completed its accessibility audit. She will circulate it to the members of the committee.

She was not familiar with the Town’s Accessibility Plan due to the short time she has been with the Town. Alan will send her the information that he has from the 2013 planning process.
5) Site Plan Review

The response for application SPA 15.038, 5531 Main Street reviewed with the committee.

6) Transportation Report

This item is closed.

7) Communications

Claudette will look into including a description of the committee and its activities in the fall/ winter leisure guide. The deadline for submissions is June 1.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Town’s web site and communication approach which will be explored further at future meetings.

8) Downtown Working Group

It was noted that work on designing the Main Street Reconstruction plan would start this year. A working group is being formed to advise Council on the project. The committee appointed Jason Rumball to be our representative on the committee.

We also briefly reviewed some typical sidewalk bump outs used to create temporary outside eating areas for restaurants. Councillor Upton noted that there are no proposals for 2016. This item will be reviewed if and when there is a firm proposal.

a) By Law Issues
b) Barrier Free Parking Bylaw

We have received correspondence from Teresa Hector regarding updating the Barrier Free Parking Bylaw. She provided the committee a copy of a letter that she is sending to various business owners in town. It was noted that the committee has indicated a number of concerns with the bylaw and would like to meet with Teresa to discuss them.

c) Service Animal Bylaw

We also discussed the recent concerns in Toronto regarding service animals in taxis and restaurants. It was noted that there have not been any recent issues in Stouffville. It was also noted that Toronto has a bylaw dealing with this issue. The committee would like to investigate the possibility of Stouffville adopting a similar bylaw.

CORRESPONDENCE

The committee received a letter from Wilf Morley regarding a Proposal to provide a region portable fully equipped mobile adult change facility. It would be privately funded and made available for Town special events. The committee agreed to invite them to attend our May meeting to present their concept.
NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Stouffville Room.

Subsequent to the meeting, Alan circulated a proposed 2016 meeting schedule to the committee suggesting the following meeting dates.

- May 19
- June 16
- September 22
- October 20
- November 24

There were no concerns expressed regarding the dates. Each meeting date will be confirmed at the preceding meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved BY: Scott
Seconded By: Kirsten

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.