



MINUTES
Wasaga Beach Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present: Fred Heyduk
Kerri Montgomery
Michelle Heyduk
Shelby Verkindt
Arlene Weel
Christine Chapman

Members Absent: Sasha-Rose Dileo

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

2. Appointment of Chair for 2025

Resolution No: AAC-2025-01

Moved by: Arlene Weel

Seconded by: Shelby Verkindt

1. **THAT** Member Fred Heyduk be appointed as Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Town of Wasaga Beach for 2025.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - November 6, 2024

Resolution No: AAC-2025-02

Moved by: Christine Chapman

Seconded by: Shelby Verkindt

1. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of November 6, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Amended Minutes - September 4, 2024

Item 7.1 - Accessible Parking Fee Exemption for Members of the Public with Permits displayed was added to the minutes.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-03

Moved by: Kerri Montgomery

Seconded by: Arlene Weel

1. **THAT** the Amended Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of September 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Roads Foreman - Update on Audible Crosswalks

The Committee Liaison provided an update on behalf of the Roads Foreman with respect to the audible crosswalks advising that there is currently Guardian Audible Crosswalks installed at: Village Gate/River Road West Intersection, River Road West/Zoo Park Intersection, River Road West/Walmart/Foodland Intersection, Mosley/45th intersection, Mosley/51st Crosswalk and Mosley/62nd Crosswalk. Staff continue to work on resolving equipment issues at both Mosley/51st Crosswalk and Mosley/62nd Crosswalk. For 2025, staff are working towards installing Guardian Audible crosswalks at River Road West/Ansley/Main Street Intersection as well as Main Street/Stonebridge Intersection.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026

The Accessibility Advisory Committee discussed the draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026. Based on Committee discussion, the Liaison will make recommended changes to the Plan.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-04

Moved by: Michelle Heyduk

Seconded by: Shelby Verkindt

1. **THAT** the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026 be received; and

2. **THAT** the Plan include an Accessible Video Initiative and an update to the Bicycle By-law for 2025.

CARRIED

6.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Goals/Action Plan

The Committee Liaison provided an update on the Accessibility Advisory Committee Goals/Action plan.

6.3 2025 University of Guelph Accessibility Conference

Member Weel advised that as of the date of this meeting no further information with respect to the conference was available.

6.4 Redesign of Access Awareness Flag

The Accessibility Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed Access Awareness Flag/Logo design. The Committee was satisfied with the proposed design recommending that the colours be confirmed with a colour accessibility checker and words on the flag/logo are sentence case.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-05

Moved by: Michelle Heyduk

Seconded by: Christine Chapman

1. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the redesign of the Access Awareness Flag/Logo and recommend that the design be forwarded to the Communications Department for comment and Council for approval.

CARRIED

6.5 Video Promoting Accessibility Features of the Town

Member Chapman provided the Committee with an update with respect to the video promoting accessibility features of the Town and recommended that the Committee provide an updated video based on new features. It was the consensus of the Committee that each member focus on one item based on new accessible features.

6.6 Spring 2025 Food Drive for Wasaga Beach Food Bank

The Committee Liaison provided the Committee with the proposed date of April 5, 2025 from 10 am to 1 pm to host the 2025 Spring Food Drive. Discussion was had with respect to inviting other Town Committee members to the event.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-06

Moved by: Christine Chapman
Seconded by: Arlene Weel

1. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that other Town Committee Members be invited to attend the Spring 2025 Easter Food Drive.

CARRIED

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2025 Budget Update

The Committee Liaison provided the Committee with an update with respect to the 2025 budget including the capital items being approved by Council. The Committee Liaison indicated that the Town will be creating pamphlets with respect to the location of Mobi-Mats within Provincial Parks. The Committee provided recommendations including QR Codes, video and the possibility of including life jacket locations. The draft pamphlet will be brought back to the Committee for review.

The Committee Liaison confirmed that the Committee has received approval from the Clerk to obtain a new table cloth and magnifying glasses. It was the consensus of the Committee that the purchase of the table cloth and magnifying glass would wait until the flag/logo design was approved by Council so that it could be added to the items.

8.2 2025 Seniors Expo - June 18, 2025

The Committee discussed the upcoming 2025 Seniors Expo being held on June 18, 2025. Member Heyduk agreed to advise the organizers of the Expo that the Committee would be attending.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Fall Initiative - Thanksgiving Food Drive

9.1 Fall Initiative - 2025 Public School Accessible Awareness Education Visit

The Committee discussed whether it was feasible to host a 2025 Public School Accessible Awareness Education Visit and considered financial impacts, attendance, location and school protocols.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-07

Moved by: Shelby Verkindt
Seconded by: Arlene Weel

1. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee remove the 2025 Public School Accessible Awareness Education Visit from the Fall Initiatives and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Initiatives; and
2. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that diversity, equity, and inclusion awareness programs during local government week be included within the 2025 Initiatives within the Multi-Year Accessibility Advisory Plan.

CARRIED

9.2 Fall Initiative - 2025 Great Northern Exhibition Booth

The Committee discussed whether it would be feasible to attend the 2025 Great Northern Exhibition Booth and considered financial impacts, attendance and location.

Resolution No: AAC-2025-08

Moved by: Christine Chapman

Seconded by: Michelle Heyduk

1. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee remove the 2025 Great Northern Exhibition Booth from the Fall Initiatives and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

CARRIED

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for April 2, 2025.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Heyduk adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.