

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 2:30 PM

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Present: Councillor Ralph Gidney, Chairperson
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Wayne Huskins
Kelly Oxner
Tyler Roy
Elise Johnston, Accessibility Coordinator, Region of Queens

Regrets: Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning and Development, Region of Queens

1.0 Call to Order

By Ralph at 2:33 pm

2.0 Changes/Approval Of Agenda

It was moved by Tyler and seconded by Wayne that the Agenda be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Approval Of Minutes of May 13th, 2021

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Kelly that the Minutes be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.0 Presentations: None.

5.0 Planning:

5.1 Outreach and Communications

- Elise has distributed the link to the Municipal Accessibility Plan to a number of organizations and individuals asking them to share it. Aside from one request for the plan, no feedback from residents have come in.
- One interesting message came from the Director of Recreation in Shelburne who is tasked with the Accessibility Plan. Teaming up

with two other municipalities, a professional communications consultant will be hired to do their public outreach. Elise asked to be kept informed.

- Multiple social media posts were made by the Region of Queens Municipality for National Accessibility Week, NAAW, mostly sharing presentations that were happening at the provincial and federal level.
- As part of NAAW, Easter Seals initiated a Red Shirt Day for June 2nd and Elise had organized promotions through the middle school, but let it drop when national focus shifted to the horrific Kamloops Residential School story and students were encouraged to wear Orange shirts in support.
- Following NAAW and the launch of the Plan, the CAO and Mayor came up with "Mayor for the Day" when Elise asked for any prizes for winning an accessibility improvement idea competition. Kelly asked about passes to Queens Place as better incentive, which Elise had preferred and will push for.
- Elise will try to get more exposure of the plan with Community Health Board Podcast, QCCR and CKBW. Wayne suggested asking Susan MacLeod about her input on Information Morning.
- Elise has also started working on a private Facebook group to build community, tentatively called Queens PossAbilities where members could share experiences and plan events. Specific posts can be made public on the Region's or wider community pages as desired.

6.0 REPORTS/UPDATES

6.1 New AAC member?

We still have two seats open. Chris McNeil recently asked the website updater to post this application again and while there isn't a pressing need to select somebody right now, the group agreed to advertise again.

Kelly asked about younger input and Elise said she'd share this with Laura Fryday at the High School.

6.2 Any other business?

Vicki was happy to tell us that three accessible picnic tables are coming to Beach Meadows. Adding a bench to the beach-side

platform should be included in the more immediate municipal to-do list and possibly

7.0 Adjournment at 3:05 pm.

Ralph suggested that as things are a little slow now that we skip July and August monthly meetings and schedule the next one for Thursday, **September 2nd**. Kelly noted that she may not be available. We can determine location of meeting closer to the time, and Elise will inform the committee of any developments through the summer.