



## Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, at 6:40 p.m., in the Esqueing Room Halton Hills Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Bray; C. Licznerski; LD. McKenzie; C. MacKewan; D. Sebalj; M. Lowe; K. Heffernan

**REGRETS:** Councillor J. Hurst, Chair; Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Vice Chair; J. Pearce

**STAFF PRESENT:** K. Withers, Accessibility Coordinator

Karen Heffernan assumed the Chair.

#### 1 **General**

##### A Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

K. Heffernan called upon members of the Committee for any Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest they might have with items on the agenda.

None were declared.

##### B Councillor Hurst to provide the committee with an update regarding the kayak launch at Prospect Park.

Direction to Staff: - Moved to the November 13, 2019 agenda.

##### C K. Withers provided the committee with photographs and an update regarding the retrofitting of the accessible doors at MoldMaster Sportplex and identified future projects that are being requested.

Direction to Staff: - Future projects will be brought forward on the November 13, 2019 agenda for discussion.

##### D K. Withers provided the committee members with a copy of The Business of Accessibility booklet which provides information on how to make your main street business accessibility smart.

## **2 For Information, Announcements and Upcoming Event**

- A K. Withers spoke to the committee regarding a concern that had been brought to her attention about the distance of the accessible parking spaces at the Town Hall to the front main doors. Committee members suggested that this be looked at when Town Hall redid the visitor parking lot.
- B K. Withers supplied the committee with information regarding the 2019 Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting booked for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in Burlington and if members would be interested in attending.
- C K. Heffernan advised the committee that a municipality had signed on with Uber for taxi scripts and accessible vehicles and that Uber was to cover their taxi scripts. K. Heffernan indicated with so many of our rides being contracted out rather than using the handivan, it would be an interesting way to increase the number of accessible vehicle options for residents. K. Heffernan indicated that when doing some research all she could find was Uber's accessibility features but couldn't find a press release about the initiative itself. <https://accessibility.uber.com/>

## **3 For Committee Review and Comment**

- A NIL

## **4 Items for Next or Future Agenda(s)**

- A K. Heffernan addressed the committee regarding Ontario Health Teams. K. Heffernan advised that the structure of health care is changing in Ontario to a regional model of care with a focus on the social determinants of health and health equity (i.e. income, transportation, housing, access to health care, education, etc.). In the past, the town was receiving funding from ministry of health for some of their recreational activities K. Heffernan asked if someone could clarify if the Town has signed a letter of intent to be part of the Connected Care Halton OHT. If not, could it be investigated and if they are, could transportation or city planning or bylaw representation be offered as an opportunity to showcase what the Town has to offer? The Region of Halton is one of the sponsors of the OHT as they have a great investment in housing/homelessness as well as LTC and adult day programs but they would not have the same lens necessarily as someone from the Town. <https://connectedcarehalton.ca/>

Direction to Staff: K. Withers to follow-up with Parks and Recreation staff.

- B K. Heffernan advised the committee that November is Fall Prevention Month across Ontario. K. Heffernan inquire whether the Town could use some of its platforms to send out messages re: how accessibility can help reduce falls (i.e. sidewalk clearing; maintaining your walkway; walkability as part of the Town's strategic plan; accessible transit; etc.). <https://www.fallsloop.com/>.

Direction to Staff: K. Withers to work with Communication staff to have something on the Town's website.

**5** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**6** Next Scheduled Meeting – December 18, 2019 moved to November 13, 2019