

County of Elgin/Central Elgin
Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee MINUTES
Committee Room #2
March 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Members Present: Arnold Row, Michele Horton, Douglas Mayer, Deputy Mayor Martyn, Dianne Wilson, Jennifer Cowan

Also Present for Delegations: Lloyd Perrin, Brian Masschaele, Cole Aicken and Rebecca Launchbury

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Michele Horton

Seconded by Arnold Row

THAT the minutes dated January 18, 2017 be approved. CARRIED

4. Delegations

a. Rest Areas on Sidewalks

Jennifer Cowan present to the JAAC how municipalities will consult the public, and people with disabilities in relation to rest areas on sidewalks. Feedback from the JAAC will be incorporated into the document, which will be brought back to the next JAAC meeting.

b. Thames Talbot Land Trust – Accessible Garden

Rebecca Launchbury from the Thames Talbot Land Trust presented plans for an accessible garden at Hawk Cliff. The JAAC gave Rebecca some feedback on how to improve accessibility to the space.

5. Old Business

a. Accessible Playground Consultation Document

Jennifer Cowan reviewed the playground consultation document with the committee.

**Moved by Michele Horton
Seconded by Arnold Row**

THAT the Accessible Playground Consultation Document be forwarded to local municipal Councils for their approval. CARRIED

New Business

a. Central Elgin Trails Master Plan

Lloyd Perrin, Director of Physical Services for the Municipality of Central Elgin presented the municipality's Trails Master Plan. Lloyd let the committee know that there will be opportunity for feedback during the public consultation phase, after the plan has been reviewed by Central Elgin Council.

b. Elgin County Museum

Brian Masschaele, Director of Community and Cultural Services and Cole Aicken, Building Sciences Technologist presented the plans for the Elgin County Heritage Centre. Feedback was provided by the committee and will be taken into consideration.

c. Accessibility Lift – Procedure

The committee reviewed the procedure for the Garaventa Lift located at the south-end rear entrance to the County Building at 450 Sunset Drive.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Martyn
Seconded by Michele Horton**

THAT the lift be forwarded to Elgin County Council for approval. CARRIED

d. Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit – Age Friendly Communities - FYI

Jennifer Cowan discussed the Age Friendly Communities initiative as outlined by the Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit. Further information will be provided to the committee at a later date.

e. Recruitment Update

Jennifer Cowan provided the committee with an update on the recruitment to fill the current vacancy.

6. Next Meeting – May 17, 2017 at 10:00 am – Location TBD

7. Adjournment

Moved by Arnold Row
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Martyn
THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:02 pm.