

County of Elgin/Central Elgin
Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
Elgin County Heritage Centre
July 4, 2019 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Members Present: Doug Mayer, Deputy Mayor Marks, Harry Muir, Arn Row, Dianne Wilson, Sam McFarlane

Regrets: Michelle Horton

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:05.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None observed.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Marks

Seconded by Harry Muir

THAT the minutes dated March 19, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

None.

5. New Business

a. Accessible Canada Act

Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal update on the passing of the Accessible Canada Act, Bill C-81. No timeline for enactment set.

b. Employment and Social Development Canada Accessibility Survey

Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal notification that Employment and Social Development Canada is conducting a survey measuring Canadians awareness and experiences with accessibility and disability issues – results will be used to shape future accessibility policy. Accessibility Coordinator to circulate following meeting.

c. Site Plan Review

No site plans scheduled to be reviewed.

d. Future Provincial Offences Administration Building Tour

Provincial Offences Administration Building is nearing completion. The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is interested in doing a tour of the building when completed. Accessibility Coordinator to discuss this with County Staff.

e. Taxi cab consultation

Discussion held in regards to on-demand proportions of accessible taxicabs in Elgin County and Central Elgin. Neither Elgin County or Central Elgin are responsible for licensing taxi-cabs and therefore make it difficult to enforce a required proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs. Accessibility Coordinator to reach out to city of St. Thomas to discuss licensing and accessible taxicabs in St. Thomas. Follow up required and motion put forward at next Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.

6. Old Business

a. Provincial Offences Administration Building Signage

Provincial Offences Administration building signage was reviewed. Signage height, colour contrast, font size and braille among the components reviewed.

b. On-street parking standard consultation

Discussion held at previous meeting regarding the creation of an accessible on-street parking standard. Discussion held at July 4 meeting highlighting items that need to be considered for the creation of a standard for review at next meeting. Items considered include new build vs retrofit situation, parking location, stall measurements, access aisle, signage and pavement markings. Accessibility Coordinator to follow up with Central Elgin and Elgin County Staff to attend next meeting for review.

7. Next Meeting – October/November 2019 at 10:00 am – Heritage Centre

8. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Marks

Seconded by Arn Row

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:55