

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

## Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Members Present      Sharon Woods, Chair  
                                 Josh Easton  
                                 Bruce Edwards  
                                 Scott McPherson  
                                 Craig Roumey

Members Absent      Deputy Mayor Andrea Clarke  
                                 Miranda Graham

Staff Present          Tracey Guy, Staff Resource

### 1. **Call to Order**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine was called to Order at 4:04 pm on December 14, 2023.

#### 1.1 **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

The Chair opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

### 2. **Additions/Deletions/Amendments to the Agenda**

None.

### 3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

### 4. **Delegations**

#### 4.1 **Adam Weishar and Corey Voisin**

##### a. Accessible Parking Spaces and Crosswalks

Adam provided an update on the accessible parking on Queen Street as a result of the downtown dig, that complies with the AODA and FADS. 7 accessible parking spaces have been provided, with 1 limited mobility parking space, as requested by the Committee.

He added that temporary painting of the spots will be done soon, until the final coat of asphalt is completed in 2024. He also confirmed that the new accessible parking space in front of 910 Queen Street was put in the budget, and if approved by Council, will be installed in 2024.

The Committee noted that they are working on an accessible parking spaces and crosswalks review. Adam requested that the comments be forwarded to his department once completed, and they will provide an update to Council in 2024. He added that the FADS and AODA will be complied with for all new parking spaces and crosswalks.

b. **Mobility Scooters Using the Bike Lanes**

Adam indicated that his department is currently reviewing the policies and legislation, regarding mobility scooters using the bike lanes. They are also reviewing the Community Safety Zones and Traffic Calming Polices, for safety for all. He indicated that mobility scooters are considered a pedestrian under the Highway Traffic Act and are permitted on the sidewalks, where a sidewalk is provided. Therefore, a legal opinion may be required.

Bruce added that it is his understanding that some Municipalities in Ontario are permitting mobility scooters on bike lanes. He feels that the sidewalks are not wide enough for pedestrians and mobility scooters, therefore it is safer if mobility scooters travel on the bike lanes. He also indicated that sidewalks have cracks and divots, making a very rough ride in a mobility scooter.

Adam thanked the Committee for their input and will provide an update to Council in 2024.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**5.1 November 23, 2023**

**Resolution # 12/14/23 AAC -**

**Moved by:** Scott McPherson

**Seconded by:** Josh Easton

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 23, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

6. **Outstanding Business**

7. **New Business**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **Schedule of Meetings**

9.1 **January 25, 2024**

9.2 **2024 Schedule**

10. **Adjournment**

**Resolution # 12/14/23 AAC -**

**Moved by:** Scott McPherson

**Seconded by:** Josh Easton

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting adjourns at 4:55 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Secretary