

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

## Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Members Present      Bruce Edwards, Vice Chair  
                                Deputy Mayor Andrea Clarke  
                                Josh Easton  
                                Miranda Graham  
                                Lillian Watterworth  
                                Randy Norris

Members Absent      Sharon Woods, Chair

Staff Present          Tracey Guy, Staff Resource

Others:                  Mike Hinchberger, Councillor

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

The Special Accessibility Advisory Committee Special Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine was called to Order at 4:01 p.m. on January 9, 2025 electronically.

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

The Staff Resource opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

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

None.

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

None declared.

### 4. **Adoption of Minutes**

None.

### 5. **Outstanding Business**

#### 5.1 **SMART Enhanced Service**

Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee did a tour in both the SMART 9-passenger van, and the minivan. A discussion ensued regarding both vehicles.

It was the consensus that the 9-passenger van was best for egress, safety, was able to accommodate more people & assistive devices, as well as a more comfortable ride. It was clarified that the lack of comfort of a vehicle can negatively affect the level of a person's disability.

Deputy Mayor Clarke and Councillor Hinchberger will relay the information, when the SMART enhanced service is discussed at the upcoming Budget Meeting.

**Resolution # 01/09/25 AAC - 01**

**Moved by:** Lillian Watterworth

**Seconded by:** Miranda Graham

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the proposal from Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART) for enhanced accessible transportation in the Municipality of Kincardine in the 2025 budget, and further recommend the 9-Passenger Van vehicle as the preferred option.

Carried.

**6. New Business**

None.

**7. Correspondence**

None.

**8. Schedule of Meetings**

**8.1 January 30, 2025**

**8.2 February 27, 2025**

**9. Adjournment**

**Resolution # 01/09/25 AAC - 02**

**Moved by:** Randy Norris

**Seconded by:** Josh Easton

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting adjourns at 4:51 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Secretary