

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Members Present	Maureen Couture - Left Meeting at 1:55 p.m. Josh Easton Bruce Edwards Lesley MacGregor Cathy Pennington Sharon Woods
Members Absent	Alvin Lamont
Staff Present	Jennifer Lawrie, Deputy Clerk Jennifer White, Licensing/Administrative Assistant Adam Weishar, Director of Public Works

1. **Call to Order**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine was called to Order at 12:57 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 electronically.

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

None

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution # 06/09/20 - 01

Moved by: Bruce Edwards

Seconded by: Maureen Couture

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 10, 2020 as presented.

Carried.

5. Delegation

5.1 Adam Weishar, Director of Public Works

Adam Weishar, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of Public Works capital projects that would be relevant to the committee. Projects included:

- Huron Terrace Forcemain which will include upgrades to various streets;
- Princes Street including sidewalk work;
- Bruce Avenue - sidewalk addition - Princess to Park Street;
- Kincardine Ave and Queen Street - eliminating off ramp;
- Engineering work for Durham Street to the Lake Huron and Saugeen Street;
- Pedestrian Crossing Review;
- Queen Street Bridge - sidewalk will now be 1.84 m wide;
- Mechanics Ave Footpath - preliminary design phase;
- Master Cycling Plan - engagement initiated;
- Upgrading Trails Signage;
- KIPP Trail;
- 9&21 Durham Street Road Extension - buried infrastructure, will remain gravel.

It was noted that the Master Cycling Plan has been taken into consideration for upcoming works but it is unclear if lanes will be available for use by scooters. Staff will ask the consultant to come to a future meeting to discuss the plan.

The Committee asked if the hill on Lambton Street could be flattened a bit to allow better site lines when exiting the Legion parking lot and if curb

cuts could be made near the Queen Street bridge to allow scooters to pass on the roadway when sidewalk is blocked.

Staff will inquire about accessible parking on Saugeen Street near the new entrance to the washrooms.

5.2 Jennifer White, Licencing/Administration Clerk - Outdoor Patio Policy

Jennifer White, Licencing/Administrative Clerk provided the Committee with an overview of the T.P. 1.2 Outdoor Patio Policy. The Committee reviewed the three applications: Grey Matter, The Bruce and Hawgs Breath. Committee commented that the "boardwalks" need to be well constructed and follow FADS and AODA Regulations.

Resolution # 06/09/20 - 02

Moved by: Bruce Edwards

Seconded by: Josh Easton

WHEREAS at the May 18, 2005 meeting, Council adopted the use of the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) from London, as amended from time to time, as a guide when technically and economically feasible to do so and forms part of the Accessibility Plan;

AND WHEREAS Section 80.23 of Ontario Regulation 191/11 of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 provides regulations for constructing new or redeveloping existing exterior paths of travel;

AND WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee has reviewed the following applications and drawings submitted under TP 1.2 Outdoor Patio Policy:

- Grey Matter Beer Company – 726 Queen St. (dated June 02, 2020);
- Hawgs Breath Saloon – 894 Queen St. (dated June 04, 2020);
- Bruce Steakhouse – 750 Queen St. (dated June 01, 2020);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the above noted plans on the condition that all FADS and AODA requirements be met.

Carried.

Resolution # 06/09/20 - 03

Moved by: Maureen Couture

Seconded by: Josh Easton

WHEREAS TP 1.2 Outdoor Patio Policy requires applicants to have the approval of the Accessibility Advisory Committee before their applications can be approved;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has allowed restaurants within the Grey Bruce Health Unit to open for patio service starting on Friday June 12, 2020

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee delegates its authority to approve applications under TP 1.2 Outdoor Patio Policy to the Clerk on the condition that all FADS and AODA requirements be met in the application;

AND FURTHER THAT this delegation be in place until June 30, 2020.

Carried.

Councillor Couture left the meeting

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Health and Wellness Fair

The Health and Wellness Fair has been tentatively rescheduled till Sunday, October 18, 2020.

6.2 Kincardine Talks Accessibility Survey

Staff provided an overview of the Accessibility Survey on Kincardine Talks. The Committee discussed that there was need for more promotion of StopGap Ramps in the store fronts and also to get more businesses involved.

6.3 Accessible Parking Issue and Awareness Campaign

As discussed at the previous meeting, Public Works will be painting the accessible curb cuts to bring more attention to them. These cuts include the main entrance at the Davidson Centre, in front of the Kincardine Library, 281 Durham Street (Joint Physiotherapy), 316 Lambton Street (near Kincardine Family Eyecare), and Queen Street (near former New Seasons Restaurant). The Committee will discuss a possible awareness campaign on accessible parking.

6.4 Site Plan Review

At the March 10, 2020 meeting the Committee reviewed City of London's Site Plan Review Document and will have further discussion at a future meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 Queen Street Closures

The Committee reviewed a proposed Pilot Project to close down portions of Queen Street from Durham Street to the Queen Street Bridge during July and August that would allow businesses downtown to move seating and product across the sidewalk and onto the current parking spaces. Which would support the current and likely ongoing physical distancing measures and would also make it easier for the businesses, that have been impacted most by this situation, to have a larger physical capacity for their business.

There would need to be at least 14 feet wide in the middle of the road for emergency vehicles and any regular road work that would need to be done.

The Committee discussed limiting the closure to certain hours and certain days. Concerns were raised over accessible parking and having easy, close access to businesses like banks, chiropractors, doctor's offices and other service related business for people with varying abilities and their caregivers. There was also concern over the pathways that lead from the off street parking lots to Queen Street.

Resolution # 06/09/20 - 04

Moved by: Lesley MacGregor

Seconded by: Josh Easton

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council that closures of Queen Street be restricted to weekends;

AND FURTHER THAT there be more accessible parking provided during these times and this parking be brought to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for consideration.

Carried.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Schedule of Meetings

- July 14, 2020
- August 11, 2020
- September 8, 2020
- October 3, 2020
- November 10, 2020
- December 8, 2020

10. Adjournment

Resolution # 06/09/20 - 05

Moved by: Bruce Edwards

Seconded by: Cathy Pennington

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary