



Oshawa® Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room

Present: Dorothy McFarlane, Chair
Gino Vendetti, Vice-Chair
Adeel Haq
Shanjay Kailayanathan
Lisa Knowlton
Julia McCrea
Anagha Sumant
Councillor McConkey

Absent: Amit Arora
Yvonne Parks

Also Present: K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
J. MacIsaac, Director, Innovation and Transformation
V. White, Principal Planner

Public Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Gino Vendetti, Adeel Haq, Shanjay Kailayanathan, Julia McCrea and Anagha Sumant who were participating electronically.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

Planning Services - Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study - Consultation Process

Victoria White, Principal Planner, provided a presentation to the Committee regarding the public consultation process for the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study.

The Committee questioned Victoria White.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That based on the presentation from Planning Services regarding the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study, the area be identified as a champion of accessibility with all new units having accessible bathroom doors and due to the limited parkland in the area, that buildings with over four floors have rooftop gardens.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

The vote to withdraw the motion concerning accessible bathroom doors and rooftop gardens

Motion Carried

Moved by Julia McCrea

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Economic and Development Services Committee:

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee receive a special report on the potential for model accessibility improvements in the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study in both publicly owned lands and private lands in alignment with Oshawa, Durham Region, Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx official plans.

Amendment:

Moved by Julia McCrea

That the motion be amended to add: 'and that this shall include key features of Highway 401, CN Rail, Future Go Expansion, Oshawa Creek and Trail Network, Heritage Status and Local Business.

Motion Carried

The vote on the motion related to the presentation concerning the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study, as amended

Motion Carried

HVJ Properties Inc - Community Improvement Program Accessibility Plan for 35, 40 and 45 Division Street and 46 Kenneth Avenue and 196, 200, 204 Bond Street

Marc Chiasson of HVJ Properties Inc. and Robert Bedic, Principal Planner, provided a presentation to the Committee regarding the the Community Improvement Program Accessibility Plan for 35, 40 and 45 Division Street and 46 Kenneth Avenue and 196, 200, 204 Bond Street.

The Committee questioned the presenters.

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

None

Reports

OAAC-24-02 - Accessibility Plan for the Lands located at 35, 40 and 45 Division Street and 46 Kenneth Avenue and 196, 200, 204 Bond Street

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That based on Report OAAC-24-02 concerning the Accessibility Plan for the lands located at 35, 40 and 45 Division Street, 46 Kenneth Avenue and 196, 200 and 204 Bond Street, the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the Plan as set out in the Report.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-03 - 2024 Accessibility Awards

Moved by Julia McCrea

That Report OAAC-24-03, dated February 15, 2024 concerning the 2024 Accessibility Awards be received for information.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-04 - 2024 Year End Status Update of the 2023-2027 Oshawa Accessibility Plan

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That Report OAAC-24-04 being the 2024 Year End Status Update of the 2023-2027 Oshawa Accessibility Plan be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Members

OAAC-24-05 - Durham Region Transit Stop at Harmony Taunton Smart Centres

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Economic and Development Services Committee:

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee advise Durham Region Transit that the transit stop changes recently initiated that removed the Harmony Taunton Smart Centres Stop is adversely impacting people with disabilities and that Durham Region Transit consider returning the stop to the shopping plaza.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24- 06 - Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee Inclusion in Centennial Events

Moved by Julia McCrea

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee request an update at the next meeting on the plans to include the Committee and accessibility in plans for the City of Oshawa centennial celebrations.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-07 - Investigation for Volt Hockey Program

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Community and Operations Services Committee:

That the City investigate starting a recreation program for Volt Hockey, a newly adopted sport for the disability community, played on a city gym or court using specially designed hockey sport chairs, played as a three vs. three game with chairs that are battery operated and controlled with a joystick.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-08 - Presentation from Durham Region Transit

Moved by Julia McCrea

That Durham Region Transit be invited to provide a presentation to the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding changes affecting transit users in Oshawa and accessibility.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That the meeting adjourn at 9:20 PM

Motion Carried