



Oshawa® Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room

Present: Dorothy McFarlane, Chair
Gino Vendetti, Vice-Chair
Amit Arora
Lisa Knowlton
Julia McCrea
Yvonne Parks
Anagha Sumant
Councillor McConkey

Absent: Adeel Haq
Shanjay Kailayanathan

Also Present: J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator

Public Meeting

Dorothy McFarlane called the meeting to order and advised that all members of the Committee were in attendance in the Committee Room except Amit Arora, Anagha Sumant and Gino Vendetti who were participating electronically, and Adeel Haq and Shanjay Kailayanathan who were absent.

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 - Integrated Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa - Stage 3 Update

Connor Leherbauer, Senior Planner provided a presentation concerning the Integrated Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa.

Members of the Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That pursuant to the presentation from Planning Services concerning the Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa, the O.A.A.C. requests:

1. That a minimum 30m road width be considered for First Avenue and McNaughton Avenue in order to plan for 4 lanes in the future; and,
2. That the Urban Design Guidelines support the Built form in increasing the percentage of accessible units from the 15% that which is required by the Ontario Building Code to 20% accessible units within the Study Area.

Amendment:

Moved by J. McCrea

That the motion be amended to add:

"3. That the width of the road be sufficient to incorporate active transit bicycle lanes as presented in Option 2 or 3"

Motion Carried

The vote on the motion, as amended.

Motion Carried

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

None

Reports

OAAC-24-16 - Information from Oshawa City Council – March 25, 2024

Moved by J. McCrea

That Report OAAC-24-16, dated April 12, 2024 concerning Information from Oshawa City Council from its meeting of March 25, 2024, be received for information.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-17 - 2024 Proposed Facility and Park Audit Locations

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That in accordance with Report OAAC-24-17 concerning the 2024 Proposed Facility and Park Audit Locations, audits be conducted starting Thursday May 2, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. and continuing every Thursday until all audits are complete.

Motion Carried

OAAC -24-18 - StopGap Portable Ramp Pilot Program Update

Moved by J. McCrea

That a StopGap Portable Ramp Program Working Group be formed to assist in the promotion of the StopGap Portable Ramp Pilot Program; and,

That the Working Group consist of five members, three of which must also be members of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee; and,

That Gino Vendetti, Anagah Sumant and Councillor McConkey be appointed as members of the Working Group from the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee; and,

That Arslan Saeed and Katherine Bremner be appointed to the Working Group as members of the public; and,

That Gino Vendetti be appointed as Chair of the Working Group.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Members

OAAC-24-19 - Tour of 80 Bond Street East

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That a tour of the property located at 80 Bond Street East be coordinated for the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-20 - Signage for Public Washrooms at City Hall

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the the Safety and Facilities Services Committee:

That since the doors to the washrooms located on the same level as the Committee Room are now locked and requiring a Security Officer attendance to unlock,

That signage be placed in an accessible location to alert the public.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-21 - Presentation Request - Built Form within the Integrated Major Transit Station Area

Moved by J. McCrea

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee request that a presentation on the built form proposals in the Major Transit Station Area in terms of model accessibility be brought to the next O.A.A.C. meeting.

Motion Carried

OAAC-24-22 - Presentation Request - Federal Government Improvements to Accessibility and Disability Tax Benefits

Moved by J. McCrea

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee request that a presentation on the recent Federal Budget aspects related to improvements to accessibility and benefits for persons living with disabilities be arranged for a future OAAC meeting.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion Carried