



The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

Accessibility Advisory Committee

September 10, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Annex Board Room, 200 Broadway, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

Present:

Cindy Allen, Mike Cerna, Mark Dickson, Jeff Huber, Michael Kadey, Pete Luciani, Margaret McCrimmon and Peter Staley.

Regrets:

Erin Getty

Also Present:

Amelia Jaggard, Legislative Services Coordinator
Emily Xuereb, Deputy Chief Building Official
Alex Piggot, Transit Coordinator (Left at 2:45 p.m.)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of AgendaProposed Resolution #1

Moved by: Peter Staley

Seconded by: Mark Dickson

THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2019, be adopted.

Carried.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous MeetingProposed Resolution #2

Moved by: Mike Cerna

Seconded by: Margaret McCrimmon

THAT the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of June 11, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

5. Presentations/Deputations

5.1. T:GO Transit

Presented by: Alex Piggot, Transit Coordinator

Alex Piggot, Transit Coordinator, provided an overview of the new fixed route T:GO transit system which was implemented on August 20, 2019.

The bus will be updated to include an audio and visual GPS guided notification system that will announce the next bus stop. According to regulation the bus driver must announce the next bus stop if there is not an audio/visual system in place.

Accessible bus shelters will be considered in the future.

As new ridership statistics are received the system may be adjusted.

Complaints or concerns should be directed to transit@tillsonburg.ca.

Staff are tracking complaints.

The red line bus schedule covers the residential area in the southwest corner of Town and the blue line bus schedule covers the industrial area of Town.

The bus is wheelchair accessible and can hold up to two wheelchairs at a time. The current style of bus requires an individual to access the chair lift at the rear of the bus. When the rear doors are open they cover the vehicles rear lights which impacts the visibility of the vehicle.

The Town will be releasing a request for tender for the in-town transit system this fall. The current service contract ends July 2020.

The request for tender will require the style of bus to include a side load wheelchair lift. The bus will be required to accommodate ten passengers. Buses are required to meet both accessible vehicle regulation and accessible regulation.

The industry practice for the distance which a bus stop serves is a 400 metre radius.

The Town has received funding for an inter-community transit system. A request for tender will include both the in-town transit system and an inter-community transit system.

Support personnel ride for free and should not be challenged by the bus driver.

Alex Piggot, Transit Coordinator left at 2:45 p.m.

6. General Business & Reports

6.1. Goals for Term

Staff to circulate aquatic facility studies as information.

Cindy A. to create an accessibility audit checklist to share with committee members who are interested in reviewing Town owned facilities.

Staff to send information regarding snow and ice removal on Town sidewalks.

Include outstanding goals as an item on the next Agenda.

Staff noted that business owners are required to install automatic door openers at the time of renovation.

Staff to send information on the Accessibility Achievement Award.

7. Correspondence

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Corporate Office in Suite 203, 200 Broadway, Tillsonburg, ON.

10. Adjournment

Proposed Resolution #3

Moved by: Pete Luciani

Seconded by: Margaret McCrimmon

THAT the December 10, 2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Carried.