
Agenda

Leamington Accessibility Advisory Committee

October 25, 2017 @ 3:00 pm

Room 112 – 111 Erie St. North

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Delegation – 3:00 PM
 - Ken Brown, Manager of Public Works
Mr. Brown will provide an update on the barrier free beach ramp – attached is a copy of site plan that was circulated with the previous agenda.
- 3) Adoption of LAAC Minutes dated September 13, 2017
- 4) Business Arising Out of the Minutes
 - Johnny's Gas Bar parking update – updated site plan attached for review
- 5) New Business
 - 2017 Essex County Accessibility Workshop – update by Karen
 - 2018 Budget Update
- 6) Announcement of Next Meeting
- 7) Adjournment

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington
Leamington Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) Minutes
September 13, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Jones, Chair
Donald Giesbrecht
Paul Child

STAFF PRESENT

Bechara Daher, Manager of Building Services
Denise McGregor, Building Technician

REGRETS

Robert Bahry
John Hammond

Call to Order:

Karen Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Adoption of LAAC June 7th, 2017 Minutes:

That the minutes of the LAAC committee meeting held June 7, 2017 be adopted.

Moved by: Paul Child
Seconded by: Donald Giesbrecht

Carried

Delegates:

Brianna Coughlin - Legal & Legislative Services

Accessible Taxis

Ms. Coughlin explained to the committee the responsibility of the municipality and accessible taxis. She explained that, at the present time, there are no taxi's within the municipality that offer accessible transit. There was a discussion with respect to whether there is a need for accessible taxis. Brianna advised that perhaps a survey of the residents of Leamington placed

on our website and in the newspaper will help determine the need for accessible taxis in the community.

Notice of Disruption

Ms. Coughlin reviewed the example of the Notice of Disruption. A suggestion was made to include the date or time of the availability.

Allan Botham - Manager of Engineering Services

Installation of Tactile on Sidewalks

Mr. Botham explained the history of the tactile and the use for making sidewalks accessible. He explained to the committee that it is hard to find one that lasts because the municipality does plow sidewalks. The committee suggested that perhaps a rust proof coating can be used prior to installation to avoid rusting. Allan will monitor the new tactile that has been installed for wear and tear.

Leamington Transit System

Mr. Botham advised that a public session will be held for public input with respect to the Leamington Transit system which includes input on accessibility of the system. The session will be held at the end of September.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes:

Shoppers Drug Mart barrier free parking update

Bechara advised that Planning has carried out a site visit to review the location and size of the barrier free parking. Planning will send out a letter to the owner advising of the deficiencies. Any revised site plans submitted will require review for compliance.

Johnny's Gas Bar - 448 Talbot Street West

Bechara advised that the owner has indicated that Barrier Free signs will be ordered and placed at the Barrier Free parking spaces. He also advised that they are planning an expansion to the existing building.

Update on the Accessibility Workshop

Karen advised that approximately 40 people were in attendance. The time and venue worked out really well. A few points to take away from the workshop are:

- Move to being fair and equitable - move from accommodation to inclusion

- Bring the disabled people to the table - get involved
- Encourage businesses to set AODA goals over a 5 year spread (realistic and doable and not a lot of money all at once)
- Challenges with AODA compliance - there are no consequences - no financial fines set in writing
- Disabled people are not a mono culture group - they are a diverse group of individuals with individual needs and abilities just like others in our community
- Perfect accessibility is not realistic - what might work for one person presents a challenge to another - again think fair and equitable
- Do what you can do NOW and build on it. Don't try to correct the past - set obtainable goals so businesses can manage and change over 5 years
- Inclusive design works for all and if more physical structures were built with inclusion in mind - it would mean less need for specific accommodations

New Business:

Site Plan:

323 Erie Street South - Proposed Restaurant

Bechara presented the proposed site plan to be reviewed by the Accessibility Committee. Don advised that the existing barrier free ramp does not work and perhaps the door needs to be moved to the other side and make the sidewalk wider in order to make it work.

Seacliff Beach - Proposed ramp to Beach

Bechara advised that the ramp is out for tender and it is proposed to have a 12 foot walkway. Bechara will keep the committee information with respect to time frame for installation.

Announcement of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Leamington Municipal Building, 111 Erie Street North on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment:

That the meeting adjourn at 4:20 pm





Moved by:	Robert Bahry
Seconded by:	Donald Geisbrecht

Carried

Karen Jones, Chair



Legend

-  Parcels
-  Path
-  Volleyball Area
-  Ramp

* 2015 Aerial Photography

