

Accessibility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Essex Town Hall – Large Room

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Selection of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair
- 4. Clerk to Speak to Procedures and Best Practices of Committees
- 5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 6. Adoption of Agenda
- 7. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. Establish regular meeting dates and times
 - b. Colchester Beach Ramp
- 10. Adjournment

Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

The Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee met in session this 14th day of June, 2018.

This meeting is called to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Roll Call

Present: Lisa Wallace, Chair

Richard Kokovai, Vice Chair

Jim Silkboer-Boose

Earl Brownell
Darlene Edwards
Geraldine Dozois

Doug Sweet, Director of Community Services

Sarah Girard, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Heather Valade Regrets: Rob McLean

Claudette Gauthier

Julia Welch

Councillor Sherry Bondy

Jeff Morrison, Director of Corporate Services

Lynn Moroz, Secretary

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

a) Thursday, June 14, 2018 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda

Moved by Richard Kokovai Seconded by Earl Brownell

(EAAC18-06-013) That the Essex Accessiblity Advisory Committee Agenda for Thursday, June 14, 2018 be received with the addition of information regarding the CIBC parking signage.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Thursday, April 5, 2018 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by Darlene Edwards Seconded by Geraldine Dozois

(EAAC18-06-014) That the Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2018 be adopted as presented

Carried

5. Public Presentations

Heather Valade Essex Centre Resident Re: Accessibility Concerns

Heather Valade, appeared before the Committee to discuss accessibility concerns within the Town of Essex. She states that she herself is visually impaired and has unseen disabilities, she advises the committee of her main concerns, transportation, parks, recreation, social integration and safety.

She states that there is limited ability to receive transportation in the Town of Essex. Lisa explains that the Essex Community Services provides a caravan service but you must book in advance to receive transportation.

Heather states that due to her unseen disabilities she enjoys going to the park, she states that they are now inaccessible.

Doug advises that the equipment has been updated to accommodate the youth to 12 years old but states that Bridlewood Optimist Park does have accessible swings.

She states that she would like to see a monthly event calendar with everything that is

transpiring within the Town of Essex.

Doug advises that she can contact 211 to get information on events and recreational activities in Windsor / Essex County.

Heather explains to the committee that she attended the Town office and spoke with Director Infrastructure, Chris Nepszy about the crosswalks and street light crossings. She states that due to her visual impairment she is unable to see cars coming and the street lights have a chirp but at times it does not work, she suggests that an audio crossing be installed to ensure safer crossings.

She also explains that placing yellow paint on curb cut outs, and steps would help as those with visual impairments can see the high contrast.

Lisa explains that the Town has placed yellow stripping on their properties but that the municipality cannot force businesses to do the same. She offers a solution to possibly mandate yellow stripping when a site plan comes forward.

The committee members agreed with heathers concerns and thanked her for attending the meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

a) Mobi-Mat Update

Doug Sweet advises the committee that the Mobi-Mat is graciously being donated by a family; the cost of install is also being covered. He states that July will be the official unveiling.

Lisa states that she thanks the family for donating the Mobi-Mat as well as Doug, Councillor Sherry Bondy and Anne for their efforts and support in getting the Mobi-Mat up and running and Earl for the wonderful idea.

b) CNIB - Blindsquare Iphone App Update

Lisa advises the committee that she received the final cost to have the beacons installed in the arena. Doug explains that the cost for the main and upper floor it would be\$8400. Lisa states that the company placed more beacons than required in the arena and she has contacted the company to advise and to obtain a revision of the cost to install. Darlene suggests that the Town do a 3D tour of the recreation facilities and place those online to help navigate the building before going.

Doug advises that he will look into the cost of this option.

c) Site Plan Control Application SPC-03-18 Essex County District School Board Re: 2651 County Rd 12, Essex

Moved by Richard Kokovai Seconded by Earl Brownell

(EAAC18-06-015) That the Committee reviewed Site Plan Control Application SPC-03-18 for 2651 County Rd 12, Gesto, Ward 3 and has no comment for this application.

Carried

d) CIBC Signage

Lisa advises the committee that the accessible parking sign has been installed at the CIBC parking lot in Essex Centre.

7. Reports

a) Municipal Election Accessibility Plan

Moved by Darlene Edwards Seconded by Jim Slikboer-Boose

(EAAC-18-06-16) That notation be made that the Municipal Election Accessibility Plan was received by Council at the April 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8. Correspondence

None

9. New Business

a) University of Windsor Accessible Awareness Day – March 28, 2018

On March 28th, Richard attended the Accessibility Awareness Day at the University of Windsor. He advises that there were many key note speaker but explains that it was more directed towards the University of Windsor students.

Some of the Key Note speakers:

Jessica Fazio – spoke about Mental Health and how anyone can go to www.jack.org and donate, join the cause as well as learn more about mental health. She left with 3 tips, start conversations, look out for others, and join a movement.

Nicholas Harris – spoke about those living with disabilities in Ontario. He advised that 15% of the population in Ontario live with a disability, 80% are not mobile and 65% are over the age of 60. He left with 3 tips as well, prioritize cost, be open minded, and if faced with a barrier consult on how to overcome it.

Richard suggests that the committee look into getting all the local municipalities to do large purchases for accessible items at once, he states that was one of the suggestions from the conference.

10. Notices of Motion

None

11. Next Meetings

- September 6th, 2018 at 9:00 AM
- October 4th, 2018 at 9:00 AM

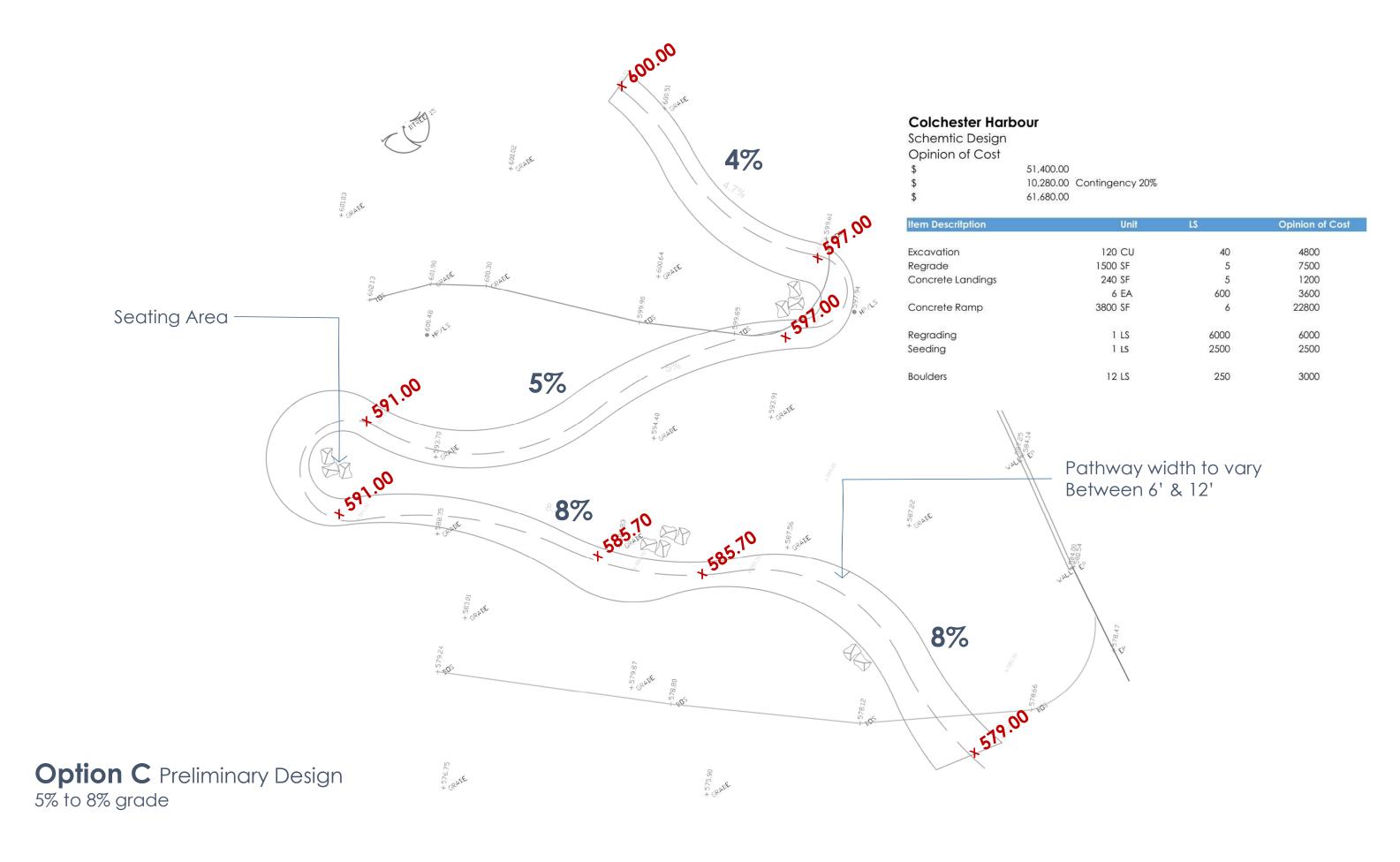
Lisa suggests that the committee have breakfast for the final committee meeting on October 4th, 2018. Committee members concur.

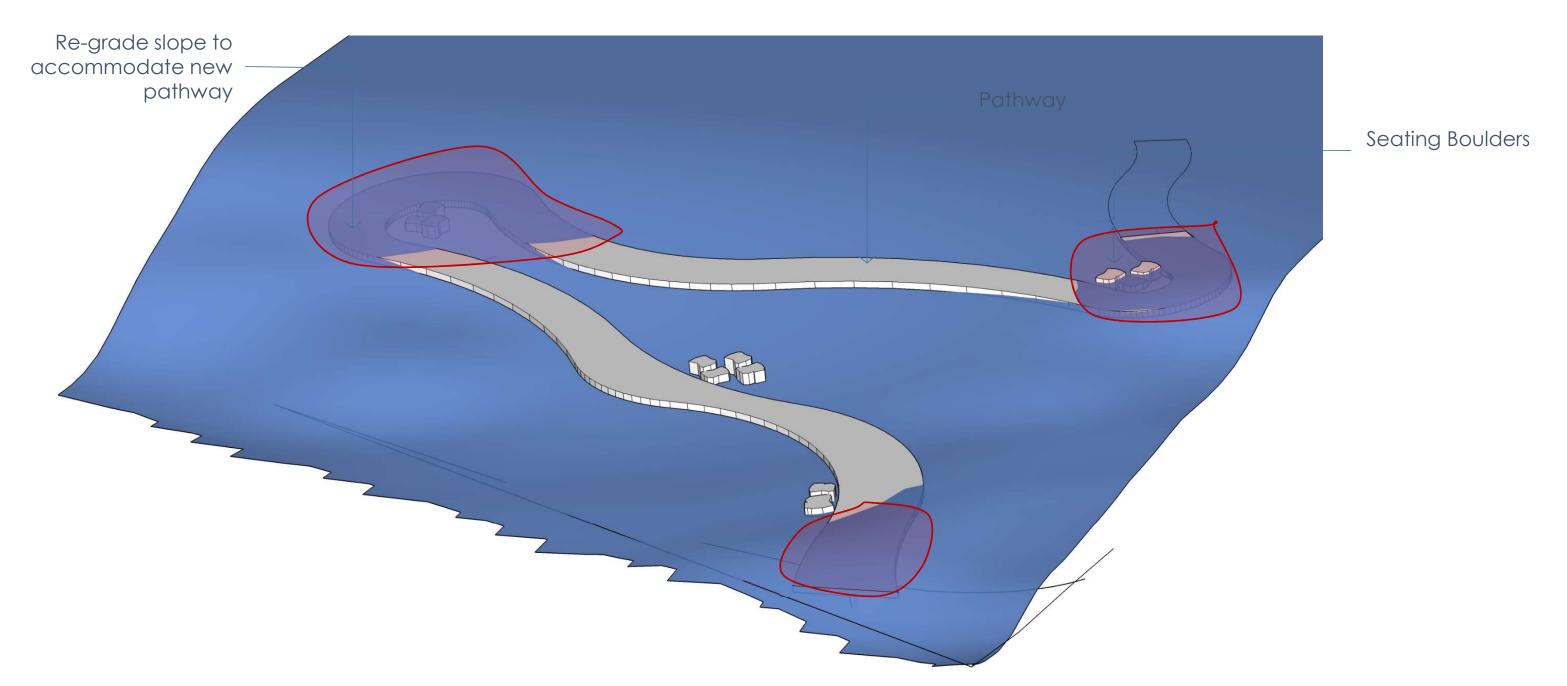
12. Adjournment

Moved by Jim Silkboer-Boose Seconded by Richard Kokovai (EAAC18-06-17) That this meeting adjourn at 10:26 AM

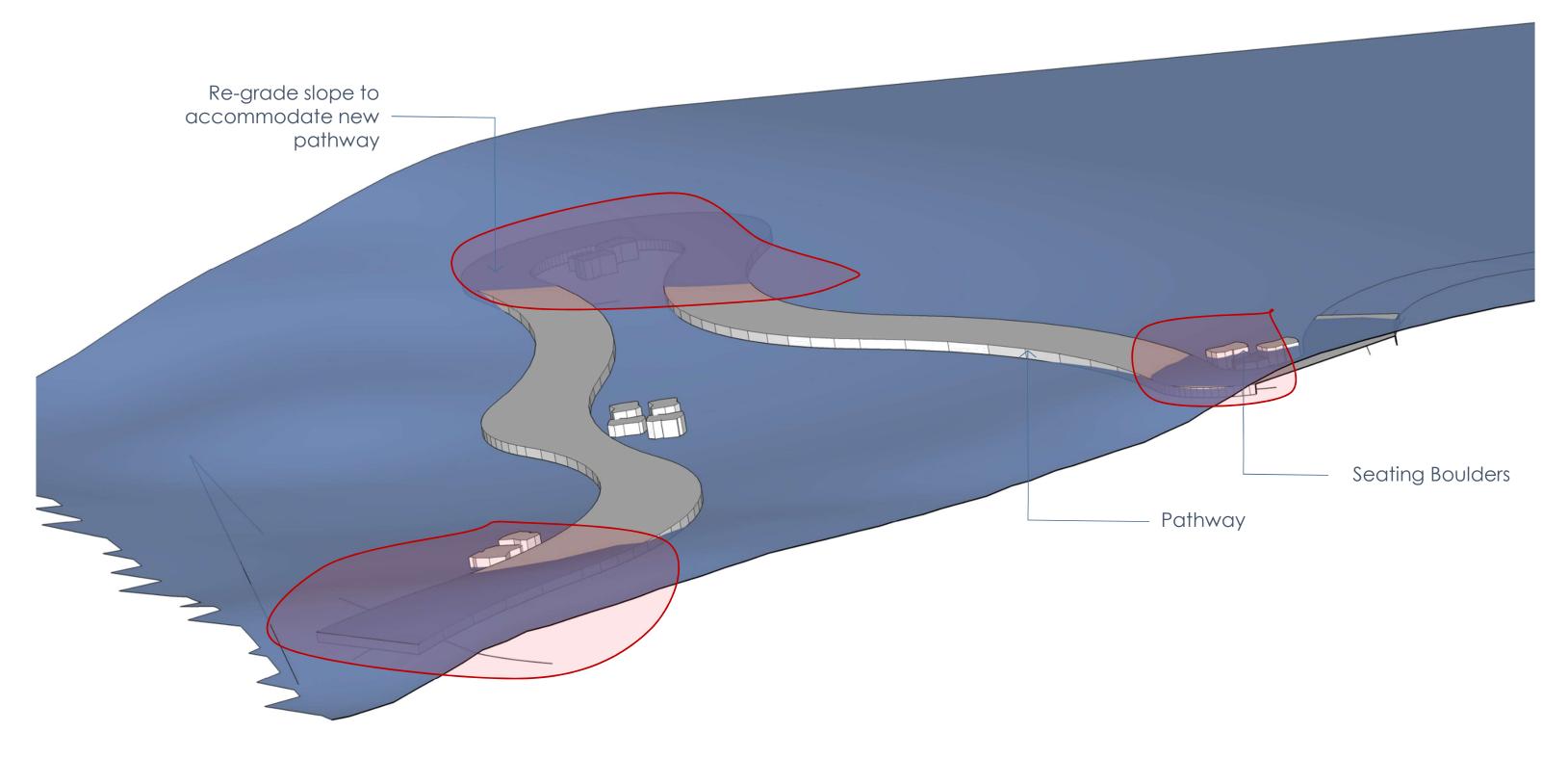
Lisa Wallace, Chair
Sarah Girard, Administrative Assistant

Carried





Option C Preliminary Design 5% to 8% grade



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