Burlington's Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Date: March 11, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

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1. Declarations of Interest:

2. Approval of Minutes:

2.1. Approve the minutes from the meeting held January 14, 2021 1 - 3

3. Delegation(s):

3.1. Mountainside Pool Renewal - Jennifer Johnson - Senior Project Manager, Facilities and Buildings and Heather Kress - Supervisor of Aquatics

4. Regular Items:

4.1. Housing Strategy debrief

4.2. Parks and Recreation Ontario Focus Group (Brenda and Khadija)

4.3. Anti-Isolation subcommittee update and event debrief

4.4. National Access Awareness Week

4.5. 2021 Workplan

4.6. ITAC update (Doug)

4.7. Member representation on advisory committees

4.8. Coordinators report (Judi)

5. Other Business:

6. Adjournment:

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Minutes

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1. Members Present:

Ron Baliko, Doug Benton, Cheryl Hurst, Cindy Bond, Greg Owens, Adam Spencer, Tricia Pokorny, Vera Zlataric, Rachel Cloutier, Brenda Agnew

2. Others Present:

Heather Martyn (Burlington Public Library), Councillor Bentivegna, Judi Lytle (Accessibility Coordinator), Suzanne Gillies (Clerk)

3. Member Regrets:

Morgan Callaway, Barbara Davis, Muzammil Syed, Marnie Hill, Khadija Zafar

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

6. Delegation(s):

6.1 Hidden Valley Park and playground (lower) - Marion Rabeau, Senior Landscape Architect, Engineering Services

Marion provided a presentation and information regarding renewal work at Hidden Valley Park, the highlights included:

- the renewal will include creating a children's play area
- accessible access from the parking lot to the play area and amenities
- the play area will be fully fenced

- the committee expressed concerns when told the surface of the play area would be woodchips. Woodchips are not considered accessible by the committee, a rubber surface is preferred. Brenda suggested at the very least a screened pathway through the woodchips be considered. Marion will look into the possibility of a screened pathway under the woodchips for better accessibility.
- still very early in the process so please review the plans and provide any additional feedback

Marion also let the committee know that a refresh/review of the Parks Master Plan will be starting and the committee will be asked to provided feedback and will be engaged in the process.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

On motion, Adam Spencer and Cindy Bond were elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively for a term ending December 31, 2021.

7.2 2021 Workplan discussion

The committee reviewed their draft workplan for 2021 and selected priorities for the year taking into consideration the limitations of COVID on the ability to provide programming. The committee selected committee members to lead initiatives and began to establish subcommittees.

The committee decided to focus on the following priorities

- Continue to maintain and promote the resource list developed for IDPD
- Spotlight – find a way to shine the spotlight on a business/individual/organization that has contributed to accessibility in a positive way. This would be on social media, blogpost on the BAAC webpage. This would be in place of Burlington's Best.
- Anti-isolation initiative - engaging with those that are isolated – how do we do this? Can this be looked at in 2 parts – adults and children?
- National AccessAbility Week, (NAAW) – Event, Dates TBD
- Farmer's Market – June to September, maybe October– Dates TBD (depending on status of COVID/lockdown)
    - Possible themes:
        - Accessible Parking / RespectTheSpace

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        - Invisible Disabilities
        - Accessibility and Seniors
        - Accessible Halloween
    - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) – Event Dec

7.3 Accessibility Coordinator's report

Judi provided an update on accessibility within the City of Burlington.

8. Other Business:

9. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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