

Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Adam Spencer (Chair), Don Prescott, Cheryl Hurst, Pat Debly

2. Member Regrets:

Barbara Davis, Ken Harris, John Kalbfleisch

3. Others Present:

Councillor Bentivegna, Judi Lytle (Accessibility Coordinator), David Quezada (Public Library), Suzanne Gillies (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held June 9, 2022

On motion the minutes from the meeting held June 9, 2022 were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

None

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Municipal election feedback

Judi advised the committee of the opportunity to provide feedback regarding their election (voting) experience, a survey is posted on Get Involved Burlington. Judi also asked the committee to provide feedback at the meeting. The following voting experience feedback was given:

- most members in attendance voted online and found it easy and were able to vote, one member tried to vote online and received an error that his code was invalid and unfortunately was unable to vote due to lack of time to sort out the issue
- members felt that there should be the option to change school support and address online to make it more accessible

8.2 Beach Mobi Mats

Judi advised the committee that she was successful in obtaining grant funding from Inclusive Communities to add additional Mobi Mats to Beachway Park. Watch for a survey being released soon regarding feedback for how the Mobi Mats should be configured.

The committee discussed the need to provide education to the community regarding the use of the mats, a kind of respect the mats type of communication plan as a way to promote the fact that the beach is accessible via the mats, as well as how to properly use the mats, and how to avoid blocking or misusing the mats, beach mat etiquette. The committee felt the campaign should be fun, and include signage at the beach, if possible on the mats, and to have information distributed through the school board if possible.

8.3 Recruitment 2023

Suzanne provided an update on the recruitment process. The deadline to get applications in is December 19, however that deadline may be extended if needed. Suzanne has communicated with members of the committee that need to reapply. The goal is to have new members appointed at the February 14 Council meeting.

8.4 Patio survey

Judi advised the committee of the survey available to provide feedback regarding patios on Get Involved Burlington and encouraged members to fill it out. Judi also encouraged the committee members to look at the guidelines as there was a lot of information regarding accessibility. Committee members can also send comments/feedback directly to members of Council, questions about the guidelines can go to Judi.

8.5 Coordinator's report - Nov & Dec

The committee did not discuss this item due to loss of quorum.

8.6 AODA update

The committee did not discuss this item due to loss of quorum.

8.7 2023 workplan and budget discussion

The committee did not discuss this item due to loss of quorum.

8.8 Approval of 2023 meeting dates

On motion the 2023 meeting dates were approved as presented.

9. Other Business:

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. due to lack of quorum.