



AGENDA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

65 Harwood Avenue South

Meeting No.3

Alternative formats available upon request by contacting:
accessibility@ajax.ca or 905-619-2529 ext. 3347

Electronic Meeting: Due to the COVID-19 emergency and requirements for physical distancing, in-person attendance is not permitted at this Advisory Committee meeting. This meeting is held electronically pursuant to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures, and is live streamed at www.ajax.ca/live.

Online Agenda Anything in **blue** denotes an attachment/link.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- 3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1 **March 24, 2021**Page 2
- 4. Presentation/Discussion Items
 - 4.1. DRAFT 2020 Accessibility Plan Status Update **(30 minutes)** [S. Moore]
 - 4.2. National AccessAbility Week 2021 Recognition **(20 minutes)** [S. Moore & Subcommittee]
 - 4.3. Subcommittee Updates **(10 minutes)** [Subcommittee Members]
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. Update from Council
- 7. External Committee Updates **(10 minutes)**
 - 7.1. Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee
 - 7.2. Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – electronic meeting



DRAFT MINUTES
Accessibility Advisory Committee
March 24, 2021

Electronic Meeting
Meeting No. 2

Alternative formats available upon request by contacting:
sarah.moore@ajax.ca or 905-619-2529 ext. 3347

Committee Members: Councillor Lisa Bower
Kailey Danks
Sepelene Deonarine
Rosanne Purnwasie, Chair
Ray Smith
Julia Stevenson

Staff: Sarah Moore, Committee & Accessibility Coordinator

Guests: Michele Watson, 211 Durham Partnerships and Outreach
Coordinator

Regrets: Donna Mullings, Shandell Conboy, Barb Dowds, Kathreen Smith,
Heather Steeves

1. Call to Order

Chair Purnwasie called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She gave a short introduction regarding the Committee’s remote electronic meeting and noted that the meeting was being livestreamed on the Town’s website.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: J. Stevenson
Seconded By: S. Deonarine

That the February 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 211 in Durham Region

Michele Watson, 211 Partnerships and Outreach Coordinator, delivered a presentation on 211 Services in Durham Region, and information and referral line for social and community services. M. Watson discussed N11 numbering systems, service navigation, 211 COVID-19 response, and COVID-19 data snapshots for Durham Region. She provided a walk-through

of the www.durham.211central.ca website, as well as the community data dashboard. M. Watson shared information on Mental Health resources, and reviewed examples of 211 calls, She encouraged Members of the Committee to become 211 Champions and share the resource with others.

Members thanks M. Watson for her presentation and asked questions regarding handling of crisis calls, the data dashboard and difference between the Central East Local Health Integration Network healthline.ca and the 211 call centre. Members inquired about accessibility of the website and provided accessibility suggestions and an offer to assist with providing additional feedback regarding accessibility. M. Watson agreed to look into the Committee's questions and confirm through S. Moore. It was suggested that a link to 211 be added to the Town's website COVID-19 information page.

4.2 Subcommittee Updates

4.2.1. Site Plan Review Subcommittee

S. Moore and Councillor Bower provided a summary of the recent Site Plan Review Subcommittee Meeting, noting review of the Lakeridge Health Long Term Care Facility site plan and an application for a multi-residential building at 290 Old Harwood Road.

4.2.2. National AccessABILITY Week Subcommittee

J. Stevenson provided a summary of ideas discussed with the National AccessABILITY Week subcommittee and sought Committee feedback on suggestions including the following:

- Participate in panel discussion regarding Ajax Trail System in partnership with Ajax Public Library
- Host an accessibility trivia round as part of Quiz Wiz family trivia night
- CreateABILITY art contest – express what accessibility means to you
- Support for Red Shirt Day
- Proclamation Request to Council
- Possible Flag-raising (if health protocols allow)
- Engage the public through the In My Opinion hub to encourage stories of breaking down barriers in the Ajax community

Members shared feedback and asked questions regarding recognition of Red Shirt day and suggested a brief video for posting on social media. Members also proposed hosting a virtual accessibility forum/discussion with AACs across the Region.

4.2.3. Communications Subcommittee

Chair Purnwasie noted that the subcommittee is in the process of scheduling its first meeting.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Bower provided a summary of recent and upcoming Council meetings and events. She shared information on the upcoming Waterfront Strategy and Enforcement Program online public information session, including the possibility of a pilot for additional Durham Transit bus service to the waterfront to help alleviate parking volumes and increase accessibility. Councillor Bower also shared accessibility concerns expressed by the Durham District School Board regarding school bus access restrictions in Whitby as part of the Durham-Scarborough Bus-Rapid Transit Project.

7. External Committee Updates

7.1 Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee

R. Smith provided a summary of the recent Steering Committee Meeting noting discussion about accessibility and accommodations within Durham vaccination centres. He shared information regarding transportation to clinics available on-demand from Durham Region Transit. R. Smith shared that the Town of Ajax has been recognized as an Age-friendly Community by the World Health Organization. He encouraged Members of the Committee to apply to be part of the Age-Friendly Review Panel.

7.2 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Chair Purnwasie provided a summary of the recent Regional Committee meeting, noting ongoing accessible design discussion for Regional Headquarters improvements, and a presentation on the results of the accessibility survey regarding barriers to accessing Regional Services.

8. New/Other Business

Chair Purnwasie and S. Moore reminded Members of several ongoing and upcoming engagement opportunities relating to:

- [Complete the Ajax Public Library - Makerspace Community Survey](#)
- [Apply for the Age-Friendly Review Panel](#)
- [Participate in Durham Region Transit Public Information Centres](#)

S. Deonarine shared information regarding ongoing Diabetes Canada advocacy initiatives to support coverage for insulin pumps for those living with Type 1 Diabetes.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: J. Stevenson
Seconded By: R. Smith

That the March 24, 2021 Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned.
(7:45 p.m.)

CARRIED