



# AGENDA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
River Plate Room  
65 Harwood Avenue South  
Meeting No. 4

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**1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

**1.1. Welcome New Members & Roundtable Introductions**

**2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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**4. Presentation/Discussion Items**

**4.1. Durham Region Transit Community Engagement Update (~30 minutes)**  
Zefe Osime-Fakolade, DRT Engagement and Program Management Manager

**4.2. 2023 Regional Accessibility Award Nomination [S. Moore] (10 minutes) ....circulated separately**

**4.3. 2023 Accessibility Survey Results Overview & LEAD Update [S. Moore] (~20 minutes)**

**4.4. Pumpkinville Event Participation – Saturday, October 14, 2023 [S. Moore] (5 minutes)**

**4.5. Site Plan Subcommittee Meetings [S. Moore] (10 minutes)**

**4.6. Power Up, Ajax! Short Film – “A Ride with Heather” [S. Moore] (10 minutes)**

**4.7. [2023 Ajax Community Awards](#) [S. Moore] (5 minutes) ..... external link**

**5. Correspondence**

**6. External Committee Updates**

**6.1. Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee [R. Smith] (5 minutes)**

**6.2. Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee [R. Purnwasie] (5 minutes)**

**6.3. Regional Accessibility Coordinators Group [S. Moore] (5 minutes)**

**7. Update from Council**

**8. Other Business**

**8.1. [CNIB Mobile Hub](#) – October 24, 2023 at Ajax Public Library Main Branch ..... *external link***

**9. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - River Plate Room, Ajax Town Hall



**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**June 21, 2023**

*River Plate Room, Town Hall*

*65 Harwood Ave. South*

*Hybrid Meeting No. 3*

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- Committee Members: Councillor Nancy Henry  
Sepelene Deonarine, Chair (online)  
Ray Smith (online)  
Kailey Danks (online)  
Adrian Lambert  
Kenneth Kwong  
Kathreen Smith
- Staff: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
- Regrets: Tarak Ahmed  
Harneak Burmi
- Guests: Tim Field, Manager of Environmental Services  
Robert Gamble, Temporary Weekend Supervisor of Special Events and Senior Snow

**1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Deonarine called the Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the Town’s Land Acknowledgement.

**2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By: R. Smith  
Seconded By: A. Lambert

That the May 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

**4. Presentation/Discussion**

**4.1 Senior Snow Program**

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Tim Field, Manager of Environmental Services and Robert Gamble, Temporary Weekend Supervisor of Special Events and Senior Snow delivered a presentation regarding proposed changes to the Town's Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Qualified Residents. They discussed municipal service comparisons, the Town's current service levels, recommendations proposed at the June 12 General Government Committee Meeting, the proposed service model, as well as Council's referral motion to seek input from the Age Friendly Steering Committee, Ajax Accessibility Committee, and reach out to participants currently in the program.

Members asked questions relating to insurance, contracted services, frequency of payment, cost, eligibility qualifications, slips and falls and waivers. T. Field and R. Gamble responded to questions. Members expressed concerns for the potential high cost increase and suggested a financial subsidy for the service or for individuals to contract their own service. Concerns were identified that some essential personal support/meal delivery/medical support services may not be authorized to access the property if the driveway was not fully cleared.

T. Field noted that an IMO project page will be launched in July with a public survey to solicit additional feedback and consultation. A staff report will be brought to the September General Government Committee Meeting for review. S. Moore will circulate the survey link once available.

#### **4.2 Comprehensive Review of Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

S. Moore discussed the Town's comprehensive review of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan due this year. She delivered a presentation regarding consultation elements of the review and the Town's participation in Leading Equitable Accessible Design program with the Abilities Centre. She reviewed the opportunity and time requirements for 1-2 Committee Members to participate in the staff assessment team. Those interested were asked to reply by email. She noted proposed timelines for the review, and that details of pop-up consultation opportunities for Members to take part in will be shared.

Members discussed feedback on the draft accessibility survey. S. Moore agreed to circulate by email for additional feedback.

#### **4.3 National AccessAbility Week 2023 Debrief**

S. Moore presented a summary of the 2020 National AccessABILITY Week recognition events which included a flag raising, #RedShirtDay, the Power Up, Ajax! Mobility device charging station launch, film screening and colouring contest. She shared the Ajax Public Library's support for the week through social media and branch displays. Members acknowledged the success of the week.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **5.1 Regional Accessibility Award Nominations**

Chair Deonarine summarized the annual exercise of the Committee's role in submitting a

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nomination for the Regional Accessibility Award. She sought suggestions from the Committee on potential nominees. S. Moore noted that coordination of a nomination would need to occur over email, in time to bring forward a nomination for the committee to approve at the September Meeting.

## **6. External Committee Updates**

### **6.1 Age-Friendly Steering Committee**

R. Smith provided a brief update on recent business, noting that the Committee had received the Snow Removal Program presentation and feedback discussion. He also noted the positive feedback received for hosting the Seniors BBQ at the Audley Recreation Centre Banquet Hall. The Committee will be recruiting new membership in the fall and R. Smith suggested that L. Rae be invited to a future meeting to discuss the Committee's recruitment.

## **7. Update from Council**

Councillor Henry shared information on the June 22, 2023 Senior Appreciation Luncheon hosted by MPP Patrice Barnes. She noted that the Honorable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility will be in attendance. S. Moore noted she would circulate the event flyer shared by Councillor Henry.

## **8. New/Other Business**

- **Driver Awareness Campaign for Pedestrians with Disabilities**  
S. Moore reminded Members about the application period to participate in the Driver Awareness Campaign for Pedestrians with Disabilities.
- **Trailfest Participation**  
S. Moore sought Member participation for the information station at the June 25 Trailfest event. K. Kwong volunteered to stop by.
- **New Member Welcome**  
S. Moore noted that Council had recently appointed Rosanne Purnwasie and Heather Azzarello to the Committee. They will be participating in orientation during the coming weeks and will attend their first meeting in September.
- **Accessible Parking**  
S. Moore shared a proposed design from a recent development application for a large retail plaza seeking to paint horizontal lines across the accessible parking spaces. Members and staff discussed concerns with the proposed design which will cause confusion for pedestrians and drivers. The Committee strongly encouraged staff to not support the proposed design.
- **CNIB Mobile Hub**

R. Smith shared a summary of the recent visit from the CNIB Mobile Hub to the Ajax Public Library. He noted that the Mobile Hub will be visiting again in the fall. It was suggested that the Ajax Public Library attend a future meeting to present and discuss accessibility initiatives.

## 9. Adjournment

Moved By: K. Smith  
Seconded By: K. Kwong

That the June 21, 2023, Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned.  
(8:33 p.m.).

CARRIED

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