



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 14, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance: Councillor Lisa Vezeau Allen, Diane Morrell, Donald McConnell, Jordan Derochie, Diana Gerhart, Craig Kohler, Dree Labonte, Derrick Lavallee, Carol Magnan, Wayne Scharfenberg, Kerri Tucket,

Regrets: Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth

Guests: Peter Tonazzo – Planning, Pat Henderson – Soo Minor Baseball, Maggie McAuley – Engineering, Daryl Maahs – AECOM, Rick Talvitie - AECOM

Recorder: Stephanie Perri – Planning

1. Meeting called to order 2:05 p.m.

2. Chairs Comments

3. Approval of Minutes – AAC meeting January 17, 2024

Moved by: D. Lavallee

Seconded by: D. Gerhart

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

Jordan Derochie declared a conflict in the matter of Soo Minor Baseball League as the Association is seeking FedNor funding for this which reasonably could end up needing my approval.

5. New Business

5.1 Sinclair Field accessible update; Soo Minor Baseball; Pat Henderson

- Paved parking, washrooms with adult change table, paths
- Challenger Baseball
- Looking for different funding streams – grants etc.
- Letter of Support from AAC – February 20 Council Meeting

Resolved that: The AAC recommend to City council the expenditure of \$6000 for the purchase of an adult change table as part of the proposed barrier free improvements at Sinclair Fields to enable the proposed Challenger Baseball program.

Moved by: D. Lavallee
Seconded by: K. Tuckett
CARRIED

5.2 Queen Street Reconstruction Presentation – Rick Talvitie, AECOM

- There has been lots of dialogue re: accessibility
- Paving stones 1.8m wide concrete sidewalk on either side adjacent to storefronts
- Shorten crossing distance, eliminate some turning lanes
- Phase 1 – Pim to Gore Street
- Phase 2 – Bruce to East Street (depends on budget)
- Tactile warning panels at all crossings, parallel to curb
- Times crossings, longer walking signals
- Sidewalk expansion joints –will be constructed to meet provincial standards
- Removing signals and Spring Street
- Accessible parking bay alternates by block
- 4 accessible parking spots from Bruce to East
- Bike path on north side
 - Continuation of path on Queen Street
 - Issues – bus, parabus pulling in to parking bays
- Reduce speed limit on Queen Street
- Construction to start this year, pending approval
- Street furniture – Planning to finalize

6. Old Business

6.1 Curb Cuts/sidewalk repairs for accessibility

- 12 curb cuts in 2023
- Send any suggestions to Diane
- Second Line – at Michaels

7. Barrier Removal Updates

7.1 Barrier Free Parking violation update

- January – 1 ticket
- February 2 tickets
- Meeting re: enforcement
- Review parking standard

Adjourn – 4:00 p.m.

Moved by: D. Lavallee
Seconded by: K. Tucket

Next meeting **Wednesday, March 13, 2024** in person & Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00