



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2024, 9:30 am
Colchester Community Centre, 100 Jackson Street

Present:

- Chair - Bridger, Corrine
- Vice Chair - Oakley, Beth
- Member - Parker, Linda
- Member - Pacuta, Michael
- Member - Kokovai, Richard
- Member - Currie, Sherri
- Member - Lauzon, Tara
- Councillor - Allard, Brad, Ward 3
- Member - Kurt Schroeder
- Member - Sandi Hale-Whittaker

Also Present:

- Janice Aloisio, Recording Secretary
- Rodney Klie, Manager, Parks and Facilities

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1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda for May 10, 2024

EAAC24-05-06

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the published agenda for the May 10, 2024, Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes for March 8, 2024.

EAAC24-05-07

Moved By Linda Parker

Seconded By Tara Lauzon

That the minutes of the Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held March 8, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Delegate

6.1 Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services

Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services will provide information pertaining committee review and comment of site plans.

EAAC24-05-08

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the presentation entitled "Site Plan Review", as presented by Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services, be received as presented.

Carried

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Election of Vice Chair

EAAC24-05-09

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Richard Kokovai

That Beth Oakley, Committee Member, be elected as Committee Vice Chair.

Carried

7.2 Essex Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2029

EAAC24-05-10

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the Essex Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2029 be adopted as presented.

Carried

7.3 Town of Essex - Renovation Design Handbook for Accessibility

EAAC24-05-011

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Tara Lauzon

That the Town of Essex - Renovation Design Handbook for Accessibility be adopted as presented.

Carried

8. Correspondence

EAAC24-05-012

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Member - Kurt Schroeder

That the Correspondence in Agenda Item 8 be received as circulated.

Carried

8.1 ZBA -03-24 - 152 County Rd 50 E, Col S, Ward 3

8.2 ZBA-02-24 - 206 Chester Road, Col S, Ward 3

9. New Business

9.1 Town of Essex Community Improvement Plan

Committee discussion regarding the town resources available to get more businesses within the town to make their store fronts and/or businesses better accessible to the public.

EAAC24-05-13

Moved By Linda Parker

Seconded By Richard Kokovai

That the Committee recommend that Council consider reimplementing the Town's Community Improvement Program in all wards commencing in 2025 budget year. The committee is specifically requesting that funding through the budget process provide an incentive to commercial property and/or business owners to making their building or retail/dining space accessible to the public not only at the entrance, but inside navigation and public washroom facilities and for the Town to actively promote this incentive program.

Carried

9.2 South Talbot Road Lack of Sidewalks

Committee discussion pertaining to the lack of sidewalks or navigational road allowance for members of the public travelling with mobility scooters and/or walkers on South Talbot Road North between Victoria Avenue to the Maidstone Avenue corridor of new development.

EAAC24-05-014

Moved By Member - Kurt Schroeder

Seconded By Richard Kokovai

That the Committee recommends to Council, that the upper levels of government involved in the widening of the No. 3 By-Pass be contacted, specifically, to request a plan of how current mobility access deficiencies will be addressed for those using walkers and/or scooters along South Talbot Street N., between Victoria Avenue and the Maidstone business corridor. A plan with

appropriate budgetary allocation needs to be implemented to enhance safety in this corridor.

Carried

10. **Adjournment**

EAAC24-05-15

Moved By Tara Lauzon

Seconded By Michael Pacuta

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 am.

Carried

11. **Future Meetings**

Friday, June 7, 2024, at 9:30am in the Barnett Community room located at the Essex Centre Sports Complex, 60 Fairview Avenue West, Essex Centre.

Chair

Recording Secretary