



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2025, 9:30 am

Harrow and Colchester South Community Centre, 243 McAfee Street

Present: Member - Parker, Linda
Member - Kokovai, Richard
Member - Currie, Sherri
Member - Lauzon, Tara
Councillor - Allard, Brad, Ward 3

Absent: Vice Chair - Oakley, Beth
Member - Kurt Schroeder
Member - Pacuta, Michael
Member - Nancy Shang

Also Present: Rodney Klie, Manager, Parks and Facilities
Janice Aloisio, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by the Vice Chair, Sherri Currie.

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

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest came forward.

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda for February 7, 2025

EAAC-25-02-001

Moved By Richard Kokovai

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the published agenda for the February 7, 2025, Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes for November 1, 2024

EAAC-25-02-002

Moved By Tara Lauzon

Seconded By Richard Kokovai

That the minutes of the Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held November 1, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Public Presentation

6.1 Mid-Term Committee Training Refresher

Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk presented a 2022-2026 Committee Orientation/Mid-Term Refresher for Committee Members.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Update on Town's CIP program and Committee's request to Council

Rodney Klie, Manager, Parks and Facilities advised that during budget deliberations, Council turned down the committee's recommendation to re-open the Town's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) in all wards with a grant component for improvements to make accessing local business' better.

7.2 Update - Co-An Park Request for Partial Funding of Stage Access

Rodney Klie, Manager, Parks and Facilities advised that upon further review, the Co-An Park's Committee determined that an entirely new stage with accessible accommodations implemented into the new structure would have to be tendered to the public.

Once Co-An Park's Committee receives a quote for a new stage structure, the EAAC Committee can review the request and determine the level of commitment it can pledge in conjunction with the commitment from the Town of Amherstburg and provide the same to the Park's Committee.

8. Correspondence

EAAC-25-02-003

Moved By Linda Parker

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the correspondence in Item 8 be received as circulated

Carried

8.1 330 South Talbot Road N. - Architectural Site Plan

8.2 1302 South Malden Road - Site Plan Proposal

8.3 1578 South Malden Road - Brookston Oaks Brewery - Site Plan Proposal

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee - 2024 Committee update and Report to Council**

Rodney Klie, Manager, Parks and Facilities presented an update on the report to council which upon circulation to other Town department head for their input and review, the same will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

10. **Adjournment**

EAAC-25-02-004

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Linda Parker

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:36am.

Carried

11. **Future Meetings**

May 2, 2025 - Essex Centre Sports Complex - Shaheen Room

August 8, 2025 - Colchester Community Room

November 7, 2025 - McGregor Community Room

Chair

Recording Secretary