

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

**MINUTES
April 29, 2021**

Location: Teams Video Meeting
Time: 9:00am
Present: Cathy Topping, Councillor Stephen Peters, Sheila Rodaway, Tracey Tiersma, Brenda Ryan, Amy McWhirter, Adrian Williams, L. McClure; Vera Orsini- CNIB Foundation
Absent: Ken Lizotte; Jerad Henderson- St. Thomas – Elgin YMCA

9:03 a.m. The meeting convened with C. Topping, Chair, presiding.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by: B. Ryan – A. Williams

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Budget: Nothing to report.
2. Special Events: Previously names Iron Horse Festival held a preliminary discussion on possibility of outdoor event in August if allowed under direction of Southwestern Public Health.
3. Site Plan Control: C. Topping reporting:
 - a. 68 Hincks - Site visit only; parking lot plan not yet available.
 - b. 59 Walnut – Potential apartment buildings by developer; still before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vera Orsini, Regional Coordinator for Ontario West, CNIB Foundation shared information on the variety of programs and services offered by CNIB and the CNIB Foundation for the blind, partially blind and vision impaired. There are many resources available to anyone in our community. Vera also expressed interest in attending our Accessibility Open House in the future.
2. Jerad Henderson, General Manager of the Family YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin sent regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting. An invitation will be extended to the next meeting.
3. Members discussed the receipt of the 2021 Accessibility Plan and decided to defer the approval until the next meeting to allow members enough time to thoroughly review the plan.
4. Members discussed pedestrian cross walk signals and timing allowing for safe passage across an intersection. The committee requested that the secretary invite R. Patrick, Transportation Technician, to a future meeting to learn more about crosswalk signals. Councillor S. Peters encouraged members to report concerns to customerservice@stthomas.ca.
5. Committee requested that the secretary invite Ashfaq Hussain, (Kash) from the London Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee to the May meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Thursday May 27th via Microsoft Teams.

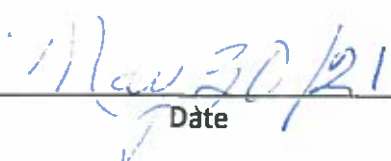
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Councillor S. Peters – B. Ryan

THAT: The committee adjourned at 10:01a.m.

Carried.


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date