

## **A G E N D A**

**Date:** Thursday August 18, 2022

**Location:** Room 304; TEAMS

**Time:** 9:00am

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on July 14, 2021.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Email Received Concerning Downtown Business Accessibility – APPENDIX A
2. Valleyview Transportation Service for Site Audits
3. Review and Approval of Revised Site Audit Forms
4. Update from ATC Committee – M. Byl
5. 25 Elm Street Bus Shelter – M. Sylvester

### **REPORTS of COMMITTEES**

1. Budget:
2. Special Events:
3. Site Plan Control:

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Open House – updates from members on assigned tasks

### **NEXT MEETING**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**APPENDIX A**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 7:44:10 PM  
**To:** Mayor Joe Preston <[jpreston@stthomas.ca](mailto:jpreston@stthomas.ca)>  
**Subject:** Downtown accessibility

Hi Sir, I work and shop in your city, I don't live there. My quadriplegic sister does live downtown. In the ten years she has lived there, absolutely nothing has been done to improve accessibility. I have been told the city won't let the merchants install ramps. Is this true? Why is your city decades behind other small cities with historical buildings? Look at Stratford or Guelph if they can do it why can't St. Thomas? Is there a plan in place to improve accessibility? One shopkeeper even took away the access that was available before he moved in the building. How is this acceptable? Go have lunch on a Friday at the roadhouse. You will see all the people that can't access any other downtown restaurants. Not that the roadhouse isn't wonderful, but there's no other options.

Regards, Virginia Brooks

From: Councillor Steve Peters <[speters@stthomas.ca](mailto:speters@stthomas.ca)>  
Sent: July 19, 2022 8:24 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [catyb <catyb@mnsi.net>](mailto:catyb@mnsi.net); Tiersma, Tracey <[ttiersma@stthomas.ca](mailto:ttiersma@stthomas.ca)>; Mayor Joe Preston <[jpreston@stthomas.ca](mailto:jpreston@stthomas.ca)>  
Subject: Accessibility Issues

Hi Virginia. The Mayor has asked me to reply as I am the City Representative on our Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee. I have also copied in our Acting Chair and Committee Clerk. Many of the points you have raised have been heard before sadly. We have a local Thumbs Up Committee who have rated many businesses for accessibility. I will ask that your email be placed on an upcoming Agenda for Discussion and potential advice to City Council. I feel any future thoughts would best be sent to Tracey who is copied.

Thanks Steve Peters