

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday June 27, 2023

Location: Room 304, TEAMS

Time: 9:00 a.m.

9:04 a.m. The meeting convened with M. Sylvester, Chair presiding.

Attendance:

Members

Michelle Sylvester, Chair

Catherine Topping, Vice Chair

Councillor Rose Gibson

Joe Docherty Jr.

Sheila Rodaway

Ed Vandermaarel

City Officials

Jon Hindley, Deputy City Clerk

Matt Byl, Supervisor, Property Management

Absent

John Allen

Ken Lizotte

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Docherty Jr. - C. Topping:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2023, be confirmed.

Carried.

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

1. Budget

The members discussed upcoming expenditures including tablecloths and lunch and driver wages for the site audits.

2. Special Events

S. Rodaway advised that a number of events were approved at the previous Special Events Committee meeting and that all approved events were notified of changes, including sound restrictions to the Special Events Manual.

3. Site Plan Control

There was no update under this committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Remembrance Day Special Event & Road Closure

The members were advised that there was no update relating to this item.

2. Site Audit Review

The Deputy City Clerk provided an overview of the revised Site Audit criteria and advised that it would be sent to all members for reference.

Motion E. Vandermaarel - C. Topping:

THAT: The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee adopt the revised Site Audit criteria for use when conducting annual site audits of City facilities.

Carried.

3. Open House

Councillor Gibson advised that she received quotes from a few sources and that costs range. She further advised that she is intending to attend the businesses in person to get a more detailed quote and that she would report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The members discussed receiving quotes for both four-sided 6-foot and 8-foot table cloths and it is approximately four weeks to receive them after ordering.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AODA Standards Education - Transportation (Taxis)

Councillor Gibson provided an overview of the AODA standards as it relates to the operation of taxis, including riding with a guide dog, identification access and registration on bumper.

The members discussed the fact that the standards were being reviewed to include broader definitions of service animals.

The members discussed issues with taxi drivers not having their identification readily accessible for passengers in the backseat.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that he would review the City's taxi by-law and bring it back to the Committee at the next meeting.

J. Docherty Jr. advised that he would next present an overview of the standards relating to parks and trails.

2. Site Audits Schedule - July 18, 2023

The Deputy City Clerk provided an overview of the proposed Site Audits schedule for July 18, 2023.

3. Accessible Parking near St. Thomas Public Library

The members discussed concerns relating to the availability and proximity of accessible parking spaces to the Library and that the new spots in the park are not very close to the library.

The members discussed the potential to cut the curb along the front of the library and expand the width of the parking area to install on-street accessible spots in this location.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that he would contact the Roads and Transportation Division and the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss this potential.

4. Provincial Open House

The Chair advised that the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility would be hosting an Open House in the neat future.

5. Accessibility Funding

The Chair advised that funding is not available to municipalities from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility that can be offered to businesses to improve accessibility.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 18, 2023 at 8:30am starting at Valleyview Home.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Docherty Jr. – Councillor Gibson:

THAT: The committee adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Carried.