



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

October 23, 2023
Principal Boardroom
1560, rue Laurier Street, Rockland ON K4K 1P7

PRESENT: Denise Dallaire Coulombe
André J. Lalonde
Carrie Griffith
Christine Dawood
Monique Ouellet

ABSENT: Julia Reid
Jay Woodruff

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair opens the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Carrie Griffith

Seconded by Christine Dawood

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the minutes

Moved by Christine Dawood

Seconded by Carrie Griffith

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 25, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Projects Requiring Feedback from the Committee

4.1 Community Garden - Report from site visit

Sarah Lacombe and Jenny Wilson explain that in the short term, they are looking for comments and feedback as they are working towards adapting their current installations within the community garden to be more adequate for accessibility needs. They add that their long-term goal is to further develop spaces that would be accessible to everyone.

Denise Dallaire Coulombe thanks Christine Dawood for providing comments and recommendations further to her visit of the community garden. She further invites all members of the committee to provide their comments and recommendations as well as potential resources that can assist Sarah in the development of accessible installations and spaces within the community garden, by sending the information via email to Monique Ouellet as soon as possible.

4.2 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Monique Ouellet presents the draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and asks the committee members to provide their comments.

Councillor André Lalonde expresses that he feels that there seems to be a lack of pathways to provide accessible connectivity between subdivisions within the urban area. Further to discussions, the members of the committee present agreed that the committee should actively take part in the subdivision application process in order to provide feedback. Monique Ouellet will reach out to the planning division in order to express the committee's desire to be consulted in the process.

Denise Dallaire Coulombe expresses that she feels that the committee members should reach out to the community in order to find out if their accessibility needs are met and how the committee could be of assistance for improvements. Further to discussions, the members of the committee present agreed that the committee would undertake a consultation project in 2024, which may be in the form of a survey.

Further to discussions, the committee members agreed that the draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will be sent out to all of the committee members via email in order to provide everyone to provide their comments prior to November 1st. Comments will be provided directly to Monique Ouellet with a copy to all members. Once the comments are received, it

will determine if there is a need to hold a meeting to have further discussions.

5. Other Items

5.1 Access to Post Office during the winter - snowbank clearance

Denise Dallaire Coulombe explains that she would like a section of the snowbank that accumulates along Laurier Street in Rockland to be cleared at all times to allow access to the post office during the winter season.

Following discussions, the committee members agreed that Monique Ouellet should find out whether Canada Post is responsible for providing accessible parking and whether the access should therefore be cleared of snow during the winter season. In addition, Monique Ouellet will contact the operations department to see if there is a way of rectifying the problem.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting date is tentatively set for November 6, 2023, in order to discuss the draft Multi-Year Plan if required.

Should the November 6th, meeting not be required, then the next meeting will be held on February 26, 2024.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Denise Dallaire Coulombe,
Chairperson

Monique Ouellet, Clerk