



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2018
Meeting Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Essex County Civic Centre, Room E
360 Fairview Avenue West, Upper Floor
Essex Ontario N8M3G4

Pages

1. **Recording of Attendance**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
3. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

In accordance with section 5.3 of the Terms of Reference:

A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected from committee members on an annual basis at the first meeting of the year to preside over meetings and committee business.

4. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

- 4.1 December 21, 2017 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

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Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the minutes of the December 21, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

5. **Delegations and Presentations**

6. **Communications**

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the correspondence for the February 1, 2018 meeting be received.

- 6.1 AODA Alliance
[Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance](#)
- 6.2 Wiley Online Library
[Evaluating e-book platforms: Lessons from the e-book accessibility audit](#)
- 6.3 Cision
[Government of Canada improves accessibility for Canadians with disabilities](#)
- 6.4 Vision Australia
[Handy iPhone Accessibility Features You Need to Try](#)
- 6.5 3D Printer Chat
[How Can 3D Printing Help on Accessibility](#)
- 6.6 Spin the Globe
[How to Reach Over 30 Accessible Beaches in Florida](#)
- 6.7 Laurier - Inspiring Lives
[Laurier student with vision impairment advocating for accessibility and inclusion](#)
- 6.8 Daily Titan
[New improvements in technology help people with disabilities communicate](#)
- 6.9 DMZ
[The accessibility-focused technology making the impossible possible](#)
- 6.10 The Week
[This blind Facebook employee is developing tech for sightless](#)

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/>

8. Reports and Questions

9. New Business

9.1 2018 Initiatives

9.2 2018 AAC YAK

9.3 AODA Consultations Update

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10. Next Meeting Date

March 8, 2018

11. Adjournment

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the February 1, 2018 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:30 PM.



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2017

4:00 pm

Michigan Diner Essex (formerly Rizzo's Banquet Hall)

27 Victoria Avenue

Essex, Ontario

N8M 1M4

Committee Members: Christine Easterbrook, Chair
Gord Queen, Vice Chair
John Boyko
Debbie Alexander
Rosemary Cobby

Absent: Therese Lecuyer
Charles Wimperis

Administration: Renée Trombley
Katherine Hebert
Mary Birch

1. Recording of Attendance

The Chair noted that Ms. Lecuyer and Mr. Wimperis were away.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

3.1 November 23, 2017 ECAAC Meeting Minutes

35-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Boyko

That the minutes of the November 23, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Communications

The Chair and members of the committee discussed the communications items.

The Chair noted that it has been 30 years since the Rick Hansen Man in Motion tour.

Discussion took place regarding accessible cities in Canada. It was noted that Vancouver is regarded as being accessible friendly and this can be attributed to the active presence of para-sporting organizations, events and a city that sees the value in accommodating these.

36-2017

Moved By Ms. Alexander

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the communication items for the December 21, 2017 meeting be received.

Carried

5.1 AODA Toolbox

December 2017

5.2 Rick Hansen Foundation

Accessibility in 2017: A Year in Review

5.3 Brock News - Brock University

Brock Student Receives Accessibility and Inclusion Award

5.4 European Commission Press Release

French City Lyon, Rewarded with 2018 Access City Award for Putting Accessibility at the Heart of its City Life

5.5 CBC News

From Housing to Sidewalks: Making Vancouver a More Disability-Aware City

5.6 YourStory

How Workplaces Evolve When They Become Disabled-Friendly

5.7 New York Times

I Use a Wheelchair. And Yes, I'm Your Doctor.

5.8 TheStar

It's Time for Canada to Measure Up On Kids With Disabilities

5.9 Newsweek

Learn to Say Astronomy, Constellation, Solar Eclipse, and More in Sign Languages

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Facebook

Discussion took place with regard to the slowed engagement on the ECAAC Facebook page and how to boost public interest.

Ms. Trombley noted that there are strategies for growing online audiences. These, as well as other options, will be brought forward for the next meeting.

7. Reports and Questions

7.1 2018 ECAAC Meeting Dates

Discussion took place regarding the ECAAC Schedule for 2018. It was noted that the first meeting of the year should be in February.

37-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Cobby

That the 2018 ECAAC meeting dates as set out in this report be approved.

Carried

8. New Business

8.1 2017 Accessibility Compliance Report

Discussion took place regarding the Accessibility Compliance Report. There were no issues raised. The Compliance Report was filed by The County of Essex prior to December 31, 2017.

8.2 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - For Review and Comment

Discussion took place regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. It was noted that there are some renovations planned for the Essex County Civic Centre and that input from the ECAAC would be helpful during the design phase.

Ms. Trombley noted that the plan is posted on the website for the public to review and provide comments. The link can be shared on Facebook. This report will be going to County Council for their consideration on January 17, 2017.

9. Next Meeting Date

February 1, 2017

It was noted that the next ECAAC meeting would take place on February 1, 2017.

10. Adjournment

38-2017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Ms. Alexander

That the December 21, 2017 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Carried

December 6, 2017

Dear Clerk,

As you know, under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), municipalities with 10,000 or more residents are required to have a Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee. The role of the Committees is to advise council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards, review site plans, and perform other functions as specified in the AODA. There are approximately 140 Committees across Ontario, with approximately 180 municipalities represented. These Committees are our vital partners in creating an accessible Ontario.

Under the AODA, the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario must review the standards of the Act. Although not legislatively required, the Directorate believes that a fulsome review of Accessibility Advisory Committees is warranted at this time. Following my announcement at the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, I am now pleased to inform you that the Directorate is moving forward with a consultation of the Accessibility Advisory Committees (including an online survey and focus groups).

This consultation will be conducted on behalf of the Directorate by The Strategic Counsel (a notable market research firm). The consultation, which will begin in January 2018, will be conducted over approximately five months. The goal of this consultation is to learn more about the work of Accessibility Advisory Committees, what conditions are required for them to be successful, and how the Directorate might better support Committees going forward.

If your municipality has an Accessibility Advisory Committee, you will be contacted shortly by The Strategic Counsel with more information on the upcoming consultation.

If you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to reach out to the Directorate directly.

Regards,

Alfred Spencer
Director, Accessibility Outreach, Education and Referral Branch
Accessibility Directorate of Ontario