



\* Denotes Change to the Recommendation

## **Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esquering Room Halton Hills Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor J. Hurst, Chair; Councillor D. Kentner, Vice Chair; J. Bray; M. Lowe; B. Montemurro; B. Leslie; D. Sebalj; W. Farrow-Reed; K. Heffernan

**REGRETS:** J. Fewster; D. Sebalj

**STAFF PRESENT:** K. Withers, Accessibility Coordinator  
M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect  
D. Locey, ActiVan Coordinator

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

#### **1 General**

##### **A Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Councillor J. Hurst called upon members of the Committee to declare any Pecuniary Interest they might have with items on the agenda.

None were declared

- B** Mark Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect provided an update of the Prospect Park dock project and the addition of a canoe/kayak launch. M. Taylor advised that some residents had come forward to express concerns that the dock and waterfront had been made quite accessible but there was no accessibility access for those who wanted to canoe or kayak. M. Taylor advised that canoe rentals can be obtained from Holy Cow Canoe and currently could be put into the water by the beach. LD McKenzie and N. McQuade had approached M. Taylor with concerns regarding the ease of access. M. Taylor advised that after doing some research and talking to the ladies it was determined that the moulded plastic cradle would provide the stable access for getting in and out of a canoe or kayak. M. Taylor

advised that with the added feature it would make the dock and waterfront quite accessible.

M. Taylor advised this would provide a great access for the water front whether it was first time users or maybe those with other mobility issues. M. Taylor advised that he attended the Toronto Boat Show and was able to try the system out. M. Taylor indicated he didn't want to just go ahead and purchase without knowing whether it was something that would work for the water front. M. Taylor advised that it was quite stable and with mounting to the side of the dock with a grab bar you would be able pull up yourself up. M Taylor advised that with all the research that had been done he would like to go ahead and purchase and ask the committee for funding of \$4700.00 with an installation date of mid May so that it was usable for the Victoria Day weekend.

B. Leslie inquired on how the system would be attached to the dock.

M. Taylor indicated the launch is right at the perfect level to affix to the dock and would removable for the winter. M. Taylor advised that the system would be put in April and then taken out in November.

B. Leslie advised that after looking at the presentation he would like to address the concern of there being nothing at the end of the ramp and felt there should be some type of rail at the end as anyone in a mobile chair or other type of device may slide off the edge if it was raining and slippery.

M. Taylor advised that it currently has a bumper curb but this would not help the individual to stop and they would be placing a good guard at the edge that would be made of a galvanized rail.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2018-0001

THAT the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the addition of the accessible launch to the Prospect Park Dock;

AND FURTHER THAT funding will be from the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee Capital budget in the amount of \$4700.00;

\* **AND FURTHER THAT additional funding for a barrier as discussed at the Committee be funded from the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee Capital Budget to an upset value of \$1500.00.**

CARRIED

C Deanna Locey, ActiVan Coordinator provided an update to the committee regarding the ActiVan Services. D. Locey advised that effective June 20, 2018 Tyler Transport Ltd. would be ceasing all vehicle operations. D. Locey indicated to the committee that the existing ActiVan operations would now be changed to an in-house service offered on a contractual basis. D. Locey advised that there would be no impact or noticeable change and that the transition will take place on July 1, 2018. D. Locey advised this would be on a contractual basis with many of the existing drivers showing an interest in staying on. D. Locey also

advised that there was approval to hire one additional administrator for scheduling and dispatch.

J. Bray inquired as to what is owned by the town and what is owned by Tyler Transport.

D. Locey indicated that the town has always owned and maintained the vehicles. D. Locey advised that there is one vehicle that Tyler owns and it is being sold to the town and that the Town already utilized this vehicle.

Councillor Hurst inquired if there are issues with the drivers.

D. Locey advised that the Town will take over with training all drivers and making sure it is done in house.

M. Lowe inquired with the vehicles and drivers does this mean we will have more availability.

D. Locey advised that it is still 48 hours' notice and Tyler Transport utilized one driver on an 11 hour day shift. As the town works a 40 hour work week we will be doing split shifts with two drivers on per day.

M. Lowe stated that if you need the service not within the 48 hours we use the accessible taxi and taxi scrip. The accessible taxis were supposed to be for us to independently use. They are not always available. M. Lowe advised that we need to ask the taxis for more accessible as the 48 hour time frame is not always reasonable.

Councillor Kentner indicated that this was good feedback and even now if you call for a taxi at 8:00 am. they can't help because they are out covering the schools.

**Direction to Staff:** Councillor Hurst and Councillor Kentner to speak with staff.

- D Kelly Withers, Accessibility Coordinator provided an update to the committee regarding the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. K. Withers advised that the Report ADMIN-2018-0012 would be going to Council on April 16, 2018. K. Withers indicated once the report is approved it would be posted on the Accessibility page on the Town of Halton Hills website along with the Annual Status Report.

## **2 For Information, Announcements and Upcoming Event**

- A Councillor J. Hurst advised the committee of the resignation of Grace Chadwick due to health reasons.

## **3 For Committee Review and Comment**

- A Review of Site Plan Application File No.: D11SPA18.004 – 2541331 ONTARIO INC. New 2-Storey Commercial building, 249-251 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

The sub-committee reviewed the following Site Plan Applications with written comments being submitted to the Planning Department.

## **4 Items for Next or Future Agenda(s)**

- 5 The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
- 6 Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, March June 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Esquesing Room