



## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### **KINGSVILLE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 @ 4:30 P.M. VIA WEBEX**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor L. Patterson called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

#### **MEMBERS OF KINGSVILLE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Councillor L. Patterson  
Andrew Banar  
Jackie Barraco  
Stephanie Olewski

**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION:** Roberta Baines, Deputy Clerk – Administrative Services

Regrets: Chris Anson

#### **B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor L. Patterson reminded the Committee that any declaration is to be made prior to each item being discussed and to identify the nature of the conflict, if any, as the agenda items come forward.

#### **C. BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

#### **D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Kingsville Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021

**KAAC 03-2021** Moved by Stephanie Olewski seconded by Andrew Banar to receive the minutes of the Kingsville Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting dated February 18, 2021.

**CARRIED**



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### E. STAFF REPORTS

#### 1. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Update Report

Administration provided an overview of the status report and advised that this report will also be presented to Council for information.

**KAAC 04-2021** Moved by Jackie Barraco seconded by Stephanie Olewski to receive the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Update Report

**CARRIED**

### F. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. AODA Audit – update

Administration provided an update regarding the AODA Audit. All items were completed and submitted prior to the deadline and approved by the province.

#### 2. Open Streets event – accessibility barriers

Members discussed the Open Streets event occurring this weekend. A map was reviewed and discussion ensued relating to sidewalks and barriers.

Questions were raised as to whether the Open Streets Committee had reviewed any accessibility accommodations during their event planning. Communication will be forwarded to the Open Streets Coordinator regarding this, as well as to let coordinator know that KAAC is available to assist their committee if needed.

#### 3. GAAD – Global Accessibility Awareness Day <https://globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org/>

Stephanie provided an overview of the Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD). The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking and learning about digital access/inclusion and people with different disabilities.

#### 4. Upcoming Municipal Election article, dated June 9, 2021

Administration stated that this article was for information purposes. With the upcoming municipal election in 2022, accessible voting will be a priority.



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### 5. WE Check the Trails – County of Essex

Stephanie provided an overview of WE check the trails, a project initiated by the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee and the County of Essex. Together they work with the Essex Region Conservation Authority to make trails more accessible. They have provided members of the public with an online form to report any issues on the trails and point out barriers to access.

### 6. Accessible Beach Mat and Employment Program

Andrew brought forward the idea of an accessible beach mat and whether any funds could be raised to purchase one. Administration had stated that the Town had applied for grant funding to be used for this sort of thing and will report back to members regarding the result. An inquiry will also be made on whether this item could be a future budget item. A support letter will be sent from KAAC to Council to request this item be included in the 2022 budget.

Andrew also inquired whether the Town of Kingsville participated in an employment program specific to individuals with disabilities. He provided an example of what Starbucks and Shoppers currently have in place. Administration stated that an inquiry will be made to our HR department and will report back to the committee.

## G. NEXT MEETING DATE

1. The next meeting of the Kingsville Accessibility Advisory Committee will be scheduled for August or September.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

**KAAC 05-2021** Moved by Andrew Banar, seconded by Stephanie Olewski to adjourn this Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR, Larry Patterson**

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**DEPUTY CLERK-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,  
Roberta Baines**