

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION**

**AAC 01-2019  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
Campbell East (CE) 101  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell East  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Councillor Ip (Committee Chair), G. Eden, B. Kon, I. Greaves, D. Hernandez, H. Matthews, L. Slade, V. Sparling, C. Theal, D. Whipple (Committee Vice-Chair), J. Williams

Staff: R. Crosby, Case Manager, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, T. McClellan, Manager, Building Services, Senior Services, C. Mustard, Real Estate Coordinator, S. Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, C. Perreault, Web Communications Coordinator. G. Szaszi, Capital Works Technician, Niagara Regional Housing

Others Present: M. Ferrusi, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kelly Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**3.1 Call for Nominations for Committee Chair**

Kelly Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

Moved by G. Eden  
Seconded by J. Williams

That Councillor Ip, **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

3.2 Motion to Close the Nominations for Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by D. Whipple

Seconded by V. Sparling

That the nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020) **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.3 Voting for Position of Committee Chair

There being only one nominee for the position, Ms. Lotimer announced that Councillor Ip would be the Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

3.4 Call for Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Kelly Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

Moved by I. Greaves

Seconded by B. Kon

That Dan Whipple **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

3.5 Motion to Close the Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Kelly Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by C. Theal

Seconded by H. Matthews

That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020), **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.6 Voting for the Position of Committee Vice-Chair

There being only one nominee for the position, Ms. Lotimer announced that Dan Whipple would be the Vice-Chair for the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term (2019 - 2020).

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Ip assumed the chair.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 AAC-C 01-2019

2019 AAC Meeting Dates

Moved by G. Eden  
Seconded by D. Whipple

That correspondence item AAC-C 01-2019, dated January 22, 2019, respecting 2019 AAC Meeting Dates **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings be held on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. on the following dates:

April 9, June 25 and September 17, 2019.

**Carried**

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 AAC-C 02-2019

Amendment to Recommendations from the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 8, 2019

Moved by C. Theal  
Seconded by G. Eden

That AAC-C 02-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, respecting recommendations from the Public Works Committee, **BE RECEIVED**;

That the following comments **BE PROVIDED** to Waste Management staff for consideration as part of the waste collection service delivery changes for the next collection contract:

- Clear bags would infringe on the privacy of those individuals who are dependent on incontinence products as well as those who are required to use various medical supplies on an ongoing basis (i.e. parts of needles that are not placed in a sharps container)
- For individuals who are frail and infirm, being forced to put out medical waste in a clear bag could impede their safety and would infringe on their privacy
- If a privacy bag is offered, is this double bagging and defeating the overall purpose of using clear bags? Will the allowance of one privacy bag be sufficient?
- It is already difficult for individuals with physical disabilities, elderly individuals and individuals with cognitive disabilities or mental health issues to take one bag of garbage to the curb let alone two bags. Putting garbage out the night before is not an option because of animals/rodents - this could potentially extend their garbage pick up from two weeks to four - health issue
- If garbage is not picked up because of improper sorting, the individual's garbage pick up is extended to four weeks - health issue - extremely difficult for individuals with accessibility issues to bring garbage back in when it is not picked up and to have to go through it to remove improper materials
- Individuals with cognitive/mental health issues will have difficulty remembering what week is garbage pick up week - compounding the amount of trash being stored - health issue - looking for trouble if weekly cycle is breached
- Odour/Health and safety issues with incontinence products now being picked up every two weeks
- Health and safety issue with storing garbage for two weeks as opposed to one - this will not help with the rodent issue that is already a problem in many areas
- Inability of individuals with accessibility issues to take their garbage out due to inclement weather now forces them to keep their garbage for another two weeks; and

That this Committee **RECOMMEND** to Waste Management staff that the use of mandatory clear garbage bags not be included as part of the waste collection service delivery changes for the next collection contract..

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

Five Year Accessibility Plan 2018 – 2023

AAC 3-2018  
Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes  
September 18, 2018

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Accessibility Advisory Council Directorate**

Brian Kon, Committee member, advised Committee members that the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario is seeking input regarding potential training opportunities for Accessibility Advisory Committees. He requested Committee members email training suggestions to him.

**8.2 Specialized Transit Pass for Personal Support Workers**

Dennis Hernandez, Committee member, enquired if there has been any decision made by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario respecting the provision of Specialized Transit passes to personal support workers.

Steve Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, advised that he would contact the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to find out the status.

**8.3 Standard for Public Spaces**

Dennis Hernandez, Committee member, expressed concern that the Standards for Public Spaces was not followed with deck tile installation at the intersection of Municipal Drive and Garrison Road in Fort Erie.

Steve Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, assured Committee members that information regarding these standards is provided to contractors by the Region.

8.4 Update on Information and Communication Standards Review

Chantal Perrault, Web Communications Coordinator, advised Committee members that the Information and Communication Standards review had been completed and submitted to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility for feedback. Chantal will forward the review to Committee members, once it is available for public feedback.

8.5 GO Transit Survey

Chantal Perrault, Web Communications Coordinator, advised Committee members of the online survey regarding transportation accessibility on the GO Transit website and encouraged members to complete the survey.

8.6 Transportation Standard Review

Steve Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, advised Committee members that the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario had completed the Transportation Standard Review and submitted it to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility for feedback.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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Councillor Ip  
Committee Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk