

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**AAC 2-2024
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Meeting held by electronic participation**

Committee: Councillor Bateman (Committee Chair); M. Abdelmaksoud, L. Hay (Committee Vice-Chair), A. Hernandez, V. Leitch, N. Qureshi, R. Walker, D. Whipple

Municipal Accessibility
Advisory Committee
Members: B. Bradnam (Staff, Fort Erie), L. Brant (Fort Erie), P. Bucek (St. Catharines), C. Carrera (Niagara Falls), B. Cornelius (Staff, St. Catharines), L. Davis (Fort Erie), J. Ellis (Niagara Falls), G. Flaminio (St. Catharines), B. Fokkens (Councillor, Welland), D. Herrington (Consultant, Joint AAC), J. Jewitt (Joint AAC), J. Krowchuk (Niagara Falls), R. Romanuk (Niagara Falls)

Absent/Regrets: S. Howe

Staff: T. Dumas, Accessibility Advisor, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Relations, A. Stea, Director, Corporate Strategy & Community Sustainability

Others Present: Regional Councillor Craiton, L. Peso, Brock University, H. Talbot, Manager of Integration & Transformation, Niagara Region Transit, J. Thiessen, Brock University, L. Tracey, Executive Assistant & Communications Advisor, Niagara Region Transit

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Bateman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Bateman read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Niagara Region 2024-2029 Accessibility Plan - Community Engagement - What We've Heard

Zoie Browne, Project Manager, and Amitai Zand, Digital Engagement Specialist, LURA Consulting, provided information respecting Niagara Region 2024-2029 Accessibility Plan - Community Engagement. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose and Process
- Focus of Engagement
- Who we Heard From
- What We Heard
- Transportation
- Customer Service
- Information and Communications
- Public Spaces
- Employment
- Other Feedback
- Accessibility Plan - Next Steps

4.2 Introduction to Niagara Transit Commission's Transit Master Planning Project

Yuval Grinspun, Project Manager, Left Turn Right Turn (LTRT), provided information respecting Introduction to Niagara Transit Commission's Transit Master Planning Project. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Introduction
- Plan for Public Engagement
- Plan for Committee Involvement
- Next Steps

At the conclusion of the presentation, Committee Chair Bateman announced that quorum had been lost and was not regained within fifteen minutes; therefore, the meeting was adjourned.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Councillor Bateman
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk