

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

**AAC 1-2024
Tuesday, January 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

Absent/Regrets: Bradley (Regional Chair), S. Howe

Staff: T. Dumas, Accessibility Advisor, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, A. Stea, Director, Corporate Strategy & Community Sustainability

Others Present: Councillor Craitor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Bateman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Accessible Facilities - Building Portfolio Follow Up

Bradley Ray, Associate Director, Construction, Energy & Facilities Management, provided information in response to questions regarding the presentation on accessible facilities provided at the November 28, 2023, Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. Additional information was provided on door openers on stairwells, customer service, fragrance free cleaning supplies as well as considerations for caregivers.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by N. Qureshi
Seconded by V. Leitch

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

AAC-C 1-2024

Accessibility Compliance Reporting

AAC-C 2-2024

Update on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – Community Engagement

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Accessibility Planning - Community Engagement

Zoie Browne, Project Manager, and Amitai Zand, Digital Engagement Specialist, LURA Consulting, provided information respecting communication and community engagement planning to solicit feedback related to Niagara Region services to inform the Region's next 5-year Accessibility Plan. Ms. Browne advised that the plan currently includes three in-person and one virtual engagement sessions and an on-line survey. Feedback received will be shared with the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting being held on April 23, 2024.

7.2 Scent-Free Policy

Valerie Leitch, Committee member, enquired whether Niagara Region has a Scent-Free policy. Tammy Dumas, Accessibility Advisor, advised that she would investigate and provide information at the next meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Councillor Bateman
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk