

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

**AAC 2-2025
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
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

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

Staff: Y. Al-Harazi, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisor, T. Dumas, Accessibility Advisor, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, S. Maddar, Associate Director, Strategic Initiatives, C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Relations

Others Present: G. Hauptman, K. Hunte and C. Wilke, Left Turn, Right Turn; E. Braniff, W. Middleton, L. Tracey and E. Zahra, Niagara Transit

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Bateman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Committee Chair Bateman read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Niagara Transit Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Kaila Hunte, Public Engagement and Accessibility Planning Resource, and Cara Wilkie, Legal and Policy SME, Left Turn, Right Turn, provided information respecting Niagara Transit Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Topics of the presentation included:

- About the Project
- Timelines
- What is a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP)?
- Next Steps in the Consultation Process

4.2 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan

Cassie Oggunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Relations, provided information respecting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2024 Updates
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2025
- Accessibility Week 2025
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Handbook
 - Chapter Structure
 - Table of Contents - Part One Creating an Inclusive Workplace
 - Table of Contents - Part Two Inclusive Programs, Plans and Policies
- Gender Based Analysis Plus
- Next Steps

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by R. Walker

Seconded by L. Hay

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

AAC 2-2025

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Q1 Progress Update

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Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2024

Carried

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 **Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Start Time**

Moved by L. Hay
Seconded by V. Leitch

That the start time for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings scheduled to held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, and Tuesday, October 21, 2025, **BE CHANGED** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Carried

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Councillor Bateman
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk