

Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday September 9, 2021
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg
By Zoom video conference - 10:00am – 11:30am

Members present: Bob Robertson, Shelley Althouse, Hope Bergeron, Jason Ducharme (part), Karl vom Dorff (Chair), Kathy Richards, Selena Forsyth, Andrea Nicholson (staff)

Regrets: Caileigh Flannigan, Doug Bates, Christine Bayer, Christina Gray, Bobby-Jo Preston

Guest: Rebecca Carman, Housing Services Manager

1. Approval of meeting notes from June 10, 2021

Moved by Selena, seconded by Hope that the minutes from June 10 meeting be approved. **Carried**

2. Action items and follow-up from June 10, 2021

Action item 1: Andrea will coordinate a date to assess the accessible picnic tables in consultation with NAAC Chair and provide feedback to Manager of Natural Heritage. **Complete.** Date set for Sep. 21 at 2:30pm, rain date Sep. 22.

3. New Business

i Housing/Accessible Housing – (guest Rebecca Carman, Housing Services Manager)

Rebecca reported on Northumberland County Housing Corporation's (NCHC) programs and housing that supports people with disabilities including:

- how the NCHC acquires accessible units,
- how wait lists are managed for accessible or modified units,
- affordable housing strategies (including incentives for developers to create accessible units, rent supplement program, and funding support for Northumberland Renovates (a forgivable loan/grant program for low-to-moderate income homeowners managed via Habitat for Humanity).

ii Multi Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) update

Andrea reviewed latest draft of the MYAP with the Committee. Noting suggestions received from NAAC members.

Andrea informed the Committee that concerns regarding County-wide integrated accessible transportation may be made to County Council via a presentation to Council or a letter to Council.

Action item 1: Andrea will present the final draft of the new Multi Year Accessibility Plan to the Committee and seek the Committee's endorsement of the plan for public consultation.

iii International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3)

Andrea reported that United Nations typically announces the theme sometime in November.

Action item 2: Committee members will bring any ideas on recognizing International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3) to the October meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021

Upcoming 2021 regular meetings:

- **October 14, 2021**
- **November 4, 2021**

No meetings in July, August or December