

Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes (approved)

June 8, 2023

555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg

By Zoom video conference - 10:00am – 11:30am

Members present: Bob Robertson, Christine Bayer, Jason Ducharme, Selena Forsyth, Stephanie Ash, Bobby-Jo Preston (Acting Chair), Andrea Nicholson (staff liaison)

Regrets: Hope Bergeron, Karl vom Dorff (Chair), Christina Gray

1. Approval of meeting notes from May 4, 2023

Moved by Jason, seconded by Selena, that the minutes from May 4, 2023 be approved.

Carried.

2. Action items and follow-up from May 4, 2023

Action item (from Feb 9): Andrea will arrange for the Program Manager of Discover Ability Network to present at a future NAAC meeting. **Incomplete.**

Andrea reported that due to the restructuring of the Discover Ability Network and cuts to funding, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce will be unable to deliver a presentation. This will not affect the Country's ability to the Discover Ability Platform for posting jobs.

3. New Business

i **Transit Pilot – deferred to September meeting**

ii **Community Care Transportation/Transit update (Bobby-Jo)**

Bobby-Jo reported on the Transit Pilot project from Community Care's perspective. Ridership has been increasing to over 100 rides per month. There have been 126 unique riders this month. Some requests are for travel to work within the County or to attend college within the County. Recently the first request came in for an accessible trip through to Oshawa GO. People of all ages are using the transit service. The bus

from Cobourg to Oshawa GO station is well used particularly around weekends, often at 70% capacity.

iii National Access Ability Week – debrief (Andrea)

Andrea reported that all National Access Ability Week activities were completed as planned. Social Media and internal awareness postings were forwarded to committee members.

iv Accessibility Coordinator update (Andrea)

Andrea reported on the following items:

Emergency exit grant project – The areas have been surveyed and initial drawing are in progress.

Terms of Reference revision – Andrea is working on the report to Council regarding the revisions to the Terms of Reference. The report with the revised Terms of Reference attached will go the Corporate Support Standing Committee, then to County Council in July.

Council Training – Andrea will facilitate accessibility training for Council Members (planned for August)

Captioning at Council meetings – The County will begin testing closed captions for council meeting recordings. This will enable the recordings to be posted online.

Ad hoc meetings – There is a chance the Committee expertise may be needed during the summer months and suggested using the 2nd Thursday for possible for meeting dates. Committee members agreed and will attend any adhoc meetings as they can.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was terminated at 10:27am

Next Meeting: September 14, 2023

Upcoming 2023 regular meetings:

- September 14, 2023
- October 12, 2023
- November 9, 2023

No meetings in July, August or December