

MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday June 21, 2023 Via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor M. Albano, Chair, Councillor D. Keene, J. Bray,

L. McKenzie, J. Pearce, W. Farrow-Reed

Staff Present: R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Albano, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

W. Farrow-Reed advised the committee about Challenger Baseball that meets Saturdays at 9 am at Maple Creek Park. Challenger Baseball is for children with different abilities to learn to play baseball. This program runs for 8 weeks.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2023.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2023-0006

THAT the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Acton Indoor Pool - Request for Funds for Portable Stairs

J. Neill made a presentation to the committee regarding the need for portable stairs for the Acton Pool. J. Neill advised that the Acton Pool currently has a traditional pool ladder and a chair lift. The chair left requires staff assistance to use and for program participants that cannot use the traditional stairs, the chair lift lacks dignity and independence. Staff have noticed that some participants that have joint issues and other mobility issues have stopped attending the Acton Pool as there is no independent and/or dignified way for them to get in the pool.

Aquatics staff are requesting funds in the amount \$9,327.92 including taxes and shipping from the Municipal Accessibility Plan Project fund to purchase accessible portable stairs for the Acton Indoor Pool. These stairs will make it easier for participants with mobility issues to enter the pool on their own. As these stairs are removeable they can be taken out and transported to another Town pool if they are required or they can be removed to accommodate swimming competitions.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-0007

THAT the Halton Hills Accessibility Committee approves the use of \$9,327.92 from the Municipal Accessibility Plan Project fund to purchase an accessible portable staircase for the Acton Indoor Pool.

CARRIED

4.b Hillsview Georgetown Welcome Desk Update

S. Howard advised the committee that they still have not received an update about the grant application for this project. S. Howard will come to the September meeting with an update.

4.c Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

R. Brown is still finalizing the initial draft of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP). Once completed, R. Brown will circulate to the committee for review and comment.

The committee as a whole will review the draft at the September 13, 2023, meeting. The MYAP will be put on the Town's Let's Talk platform for public comment. All comments will be reviewed, and a finalized draft will be brought to the committee in October for approval and a recommendation to bring it to Council for November.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Hillsview Active Living Georgetown Welcome Desk Renovation

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.