

**MINUTES OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday July 19,
2024 held Via Zoom.

Members Present: Councillor M. Albano, Chair, Councillor D. Keene, J. Bray,
L. McKenzie, J. Pearce, S. Calvert

Regrets: W. Farrow-Reed

Staff Present: R. Brown, Deputy Clerk – Administration, J. Smith, Facility
Supervisor, A. Matthews, Director of Facilities

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Albano, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on
February 28, 2024.**

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2024-0003

THAT the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on
February 28, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Update - John Elliott Theatre

J. Smith advised that staff followed up with the complainant and the person has since returned to the John Elliott Theatre and attended a lecture. The complainant seems content with the staff response and assistance provided.

4.b Update - All Gender Accessible Washrooms at the Gellert

T. Forbes was unable to attend but provided photos of the updated washrooms at Gellert and her gratitude to the committee for approving funding for the project.

4.c Update - Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing - Mountainview Road North and Dominion Gardens Drive

M. Roj was unable to attend but provided a written update with the number of Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing being installed this year and the locations.

The committee requested an update on and possible demonstration of the Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing at a future meeting.

4.d Request for Funding - Hearing Loops at the John Elliott Theatre

J. Smith submitted a request for funding for handheld assistive listening devices for the John Elliott Theatre. The theatre recently installed a hearing loop system to enhance the auditory experience for patrons with cochlear implants and hearing aids. However, a gap in service for patrons with hearing difficulties who do not use these devices has been identified. The Theatre currently only has two handheld devices currently and want to ensure they have a sufficient amount keep up with the needs of their customers. The request is for two kits (10 handheld devices and 2 charging stands) at a cost of approximately \$5000.00.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2024-0004

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve funding for 2 kits of handheld assistive listening devices (10 handheld devices and 2 charging stands) for the John Elliott Theatre in the amount of \$5,000.00 + HST to be funded from the Municipal Accessibility Plan Capital Project Account.

CARRIED

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.