

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA



Monday, March 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
Dufferin Room
229 Broadway, Orangeville

1. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – March 12, 2012 – ITEM #1
Accessibility - Did You Know?

The Accessibility Coordinator will update the Committee on the success of the weekly “did you know” emails to staff and discuss the potential for implementing the program at the member municipality level.

2. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – March 12, 2012 – ITEM #2
Ministry of Community and Social Services - Making Accessibility Happen Manual

Review of the “Making Accessibility Happen” Manual. A copy can be obtained on the Ministry of Community and Social Services website:

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/library/repository/mon/11000/253933.pdf>

3. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – March 12, 2012 – ITEM #3
Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Discussion about the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

4. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – March 12, 2012 – ITEM #4
Review of Minutes – November 7, 2011

Review of the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Time and location to be determined.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES



Monday, November 7, 2011

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. at Dufferin Archives and Museum, Rosemont.

Members Present: Councillor John Oosterhof (Chair)
Stephanie Ballay
Walter Benotto
Mike Gravelle
Taryn Henry
Anne Jordan
Donna Reid (Krissa Liatopoulos)

Members Absent: Richard Carrera (Vice Chair)
Ken Kingsbury
James Newton (Prior Notice)

Staff: Steve Murphy, CEMC/Accessibility Coordinator
Michelle Dunne, Council/Committee Coordinator
Darrell Keenie, General Manager/Assistant Director

Councillor Oosterhof called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – none

1. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – November 7, 2011 – ITEM #1
Guest Speaker – Diane Gallinger

Ms. Diane Gallinger, Vice Chair, Shelburne Accessibility Advisory Committee addressed the Committee regarding accessibility at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. A planning committee has been struck to develop a pilot project to help improve sensory accessibility. Some of the projects they will be looking into will be vision loss awareness training, sited guide techniques, visual descriptions, the use of tactile diagrams and models, described curator touch tour of artifacts and described touch tours behind the scenes. They have approached local service groups for help with funding, but this is still within the initial phase and only came to the Committee to make them aware of project and invite anyone wanting to participate.

2. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – November 7, 2011 – ITEM #2
Tour of the Dufferin Museum and Archives

Mr. Darrell Keenie, General Manager/Assistant Director led the Committee on a tour of the Dufferin Museum and Archives, to look at accessibility issues.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Door openers needed on washroom doors on Levels 1 and 2
- Level 2 washroom sinks are difficult to access, both in terms of height and leg/chair room underneath; tap arm extenders were also suggested
- Toilets are too low to the ground
- Exhibit labeling and signs incorporate “hard to read” type size and, in some cases, backgrounds and shading
- The location of signs and labels in some cases make it difficult for wheelchair bound persons to access/read
- Suggested that an “Evac Chair” be purchased and installed at the Top of the Silo in event of an evacuation of a wheelchair bound person when no elevator service is available

3. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – November 7, 2011 – ITEM #3
Review of Minutes – September 12, 2011

Review of the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting, which were adopted at the October 26, 2011 Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee meeting.

Moved by Mike Gravelle, seconded by Anne Jordan:

THAT the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting, which were adopted at the October 26, 2011 Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee meeting, be received for information.

-Carried-

4. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – November 7, 2011 – ITEM #4
Accommodations Policy – Draft

Mr. Steve Murphy gave an overview of the Draft Accommodations Policy that was circulated with the agenda. He noted the policy will help all hiring managers with accommodations as needed. The policy will be going to senior management for approval.

5. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – November 7, 2011 – ITEM #5
2011 Accessibility Plan

Draft 2011 Accessibility Plan for the County of Dufferin was presented to the Committee. Mr. Murphy noted the legislation will require a multi-year plan starting next year and the Committee will be working on a three year plan in the New Year that will identify barriers and create plans to eliminate them.

Moved by Walter Benotto, seconded by Donna Reid:

THAT the 2011 Accessibility Plan be adopted.

-Carried-

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2011
 229 Broadway, Orangeville

Councillor John Oosterhof, Chair
Accessibility Advisory Committee