



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville

Members Present: Walter Benotto
Peggy Bond
Ann Camm (arrived at 1.23pm)
Mike Gravelle
Frank Hunt Jr
Anne Jordan
Anthony Kilmartin
Trevor Lewis

Members Absent: Richard Carrera

Staff Present: Steve Murphy, CEMC/Accessibility Coordinator
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Linda Knight, Admin Assistant
Mark Schildroth, Communications Student

Chair Benotto called the meeting to order at 1.00 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None

1. **ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 14, 2015 – ITEM #1**
Review of Minutes – June 15, 2015

The Committee reviewed of the minutes of the June 15, 2105 meeting, for information only.

Moved by Frank Hunt Jr, seconded by Mike Gravelle

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on June 15, 2015 be received.

-Carried-

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 14, 2015 – ITEM #2
Joint Meeting with Access Orangeville

Correspondence was reviewed from Access Orangeville with respect to an invitation and possible date for a joint meeting. The Committee agreed to propose October 5 or October 6, 2015 at 1.00pm in the Sutton Room, to Access Orangeville.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 14, 2015 – ITEM #3
Accessibility Pro – Software

A report from the Accessibility Coordinator dated September 14, 2015 to advise The Committee of the availability and capabilities of Accessibility Standards PolicyPro.

Moved by Trevor Lewis, seconded by Frank Hunt Jr.

THAT the report of the Accessibility Coordinator dated September 14, 2015 regarding Accessibility Standards PolicyPro be received;

And that staff be directed to acquire Accessibility Standards PolicyPRO software.

-Carried-

4. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY – September 14, 2015 – ITEM #4
Accessibility Action Plan and Accessibility Certification Program

The Committee reviewed and discussed two new initiatives from the province which will build on the progress of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* and includes a new Accessibility Action Plan and an Accessibility Certification Program.

The Accessibility Action Plan will focus on three key priorities;

- Engaging Employers to understand the value of hiring people with disabilities through community loans and partnerships.
- Strengthening the foundation of accessibility in Ontario by building on the province's accessibility laws and standards by introducing legislation to address barriers to accessibility and working with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to review gaps in the health care sector.
- Promoting Ontario's cultural shift to build awareness of accessibility in innovative ways to that Ontarians of all abilities can reach their full potential by development of a voluntary third party certification program, collaboration with professional audit services to enhance compliance and audit activities and exploring opportunities through social media or online platforms to expand and strengthen the conversation on accessibility between businesses and persons with disabilities.

