



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2016, 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: Anne Jordan, Chair
Peggy Bond
Mike Gravelle
Anthony Kilmartin
Trevor Lewis
Walter Benotto

Members Absent: Richard Carrera
Frank Hunt Jr

Staff Present: Steve Murphy, Accessibility Coordinator
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Anuneet Dhindsa, Corporate Services Co-op Student

Chair, Anne Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None.

1. **ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 12, 2016 – ITEM #1**
Review of Minutes – September 12, 2016

Review of the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting, for information only.

Moved by Anne Jordan, Seconded by Anthony Kilmartin

THAT the minutes of the Access Dufferin Committee meeting held on June 13, 2016 meeting be received.

-Carried-

2. **ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 12, 2016 – ITEM #2**
Autism Awareness Presentation

Ms. Kelly McDowell and Ms. Kat Anderson addressed the Committee on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). They asked if the Committee could help to increase awareness of non-visible disabilities, specifically autism in children, amongst the community. Ms. McDowell and Ms. Anderson noted there is a minimum of 800 children in the region that are affected by autism in some varying degree.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 12, 2016 – ITEM #3
Accessible Parking Issues

A concern was raised by a resident on lack of enforcement on the misuse of accessible parking spaces. The Committee discussed creating a social media campaign to remind citizens of courteous parking as well as raising awareness that not everyone is a violator.

4. ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 12, 2016 – ITEM #4
Text with 911

Mr. Steve Murphy provided an update on the County's new Text with 911 capabilities for persons who have hearing or speech disabilities. The County of Dufferin in partnership with Bell Canada and Northern 911 has implemented a "Text 911" emergency services feature. Cell phone carriers will have an option of text messaging emergency services once the customer has registered. This initiative is to ensure the equal access to emergency services of those with disabilities.

5. ACCESS DUFFERIN – September 12, 2016 – ITEM #5
Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Committee discussed and reviewed the goals for the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Review of 2016 Goals:

- Train all Access Dufferin Committee Members on the public space standard has begun through the considerations of modifying the trails
- Begin a checklist of accessibility needs, task will be undertaken by Peggy and Steve
- Dufferin County will further clarify what counts as accessibility and how to create a multi-use space for a variety of needs in regards to the trail project at the Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail
- Committee began drafting accessible features to add to the trail such as:
 - o 911 button
 - o Benches
 - o Brail markings
 - o Kilometer markings
 - o Rail trails
- Possibility of creating a website that will allow citizens to find a trail that is right for them

Ideas for 2017 (around Access Awareness Week)

- Connecting with residents and public communications strategy through:
 - o Raise awareness of Access Dufferin in the wider community
 - o Review concerns and achievement from the community

- Low tech system of comment cards that can be dispersed through social workers
- Possibility of creating an end of year reward program (made available through provincial programs)
- Put together a list of agencies that have grants and rewards, create social media awareness about their availability
- Continue to have guest speakers present to Access Dufferin to attain further education and awareness of community issues

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Next Meeting October 3, 2016 at 1:00pm
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room

Respectfully submitted

Anne Jordan, Chair
Access Dufferin