



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 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: Peggy Bond, Chair
Kat Anderson
Walter Benotto
Mike Gravelle (by teleconference)
Anthony Kilmartin
Trevor Lewis
Wayne Sumbler (arrived at 1:02 p.m.)

Members Absent: Karla Foote (prior notice)

Staff Present: Steve Murphy, Accessibility Coordinator
Darrell Keenie, Director of Economic Development, Planning & Culture
Rebecca Whelan, Information Management Coordinator
Michelle Hargrave, Administrative Support Specialist

Peggy Bond called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None

1. ACCESS DUFFERIN – March 19, 2018 – ITEM #1
Review of Minutes – February 12, 2018 Meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting.

Moved by Trevor Lewis, seconded by Kat Anderson

THAT the minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting be received for information.

-Carried-

Wayne Sumbler arrived at 1:02 p.m.

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – March 19, 2018 – ITEM #2
Dufferin County Museum & Archives Renovations

Darrell Keenie, Director of Economic Development, Planning and Culture, presented a review of the renovations at the Dufferin County Museum & Archives. He described all the accessibility elements that are included in the design of the third floor renovation, including lighting, smooth flooring, text for labeling and wheelchair accessibility among other things. He also advised the accessible elements inputted during this renovation will be a model for any other improvements made to the Museum.

Beginning in 2019, an audio tour will be available for those that speak another language or are hearing or visually impaired. The Committee is welcome to visit the Museum when renovations are completed in the fall.

Darrell Keenie concluded his presentation and left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – March 19, 2018 – ITEM #3
Update on Accessibility Awareness Week

Steve Murphy presented an update on the plans for the Accessibility Awareness Week event.

Dufferin County will be hosting a free breakfast education session for local business owners detailing low cost or no cost solutions to make their businesses accessible. There will also be a speaker that Kat Anderson is arranging. Kat Anderson suggested the hiring of persons with special needs and disabilities be a topic as well.

Steve Murphy will release a date for the breakfast event by end of April so the event can be well advertised.

Currently, the towns of Shelburne and Orangeville recognize businesses that are accessible. Walter Benotto recommended that information be sent to the other local municipalities on ways to recognize accessible businesses. The Committee discussed making a kit for local municipalities on how to recognize accessible businesses.

Moved by Wayne Sumbler, Seconded by Mike Gravelle

THAT Access Dufferin research and create an accessibility achievement award kit to share with the local municipalities.

-Carried-

4. ACCESS DUFFERIN – March 19, 2018 – ITEM #6
Continuing Education – Service Animals

Steve Murphy presented a continuing education session regarding service animal regulations. He noted there are no regulations on training, registering or certification of service animals but there are reputable organizations that assist families in finding properly trained animals.

He noted the Dufferin County Service Animal Policy has been circulated to all staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rebecca Whelan noted that the recommendation to conduct site visits to County facilities was adopted by Council. At the next meeting, the Committee will set up an action plan to begin the Accessibility Audits.

Steve Murphy advised Dufferin County will have booth space at the upcoming Orangeville Home Show on April 6-8, 2018 and he welcomed Committee members to volunteer. A schedule for Committee members to sign up will be distributed. Information regarding making accessible changes to a home while renovating will be available at the booth including information about the Ontario Renovates program. Walter Benotto noted a builder in the Town of Shelburne is building some Universal Homes and suggested that information on Universal Homes could also be available at the Home Show.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Walter Benotto, Seconded by Kat Anderson

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Bond, Chair
Access Dufferin