



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, May 14, 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: Kat Anderson
Mike Gravelle (by teleconference)
Trevor Lewis

Members Absent: Peggy Bond, Chair (prior notice)
Walter Benotto
Karla Foote
Anthony Kilmartin

Staff Present: Steve Murphy, Accessibility Coordinator (Acting Chair)
Michelle Hargrave, Administrative Support Specialist
Sarah Anthony, Human Resources/Economic Development
Summer Student

As quorum was not present, the meeting proceeded as an information session and the following notes are not an official record.

In the absence of the Chair, Steve Murphy called the information session to order at 1:03 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None

1. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #1
Presentation – Accessible Parking

Mr. Keith McKibbon addressed the Committee with respect to accessible parking.

Mr. McKibbon is an accessibility advocate working to change accessible parking by-laws and ensure they are enforced in the County of Dufferin.

His moto is “nothing said, nothing done”.

Mr. McKibbon advised he was successful in persuading the Orangeville Agricultural Society to add additional accessible parking spots at the Orangeville

Fairgrounds. However, he is currently concerned with the enforcement of the accessible parking spots at Royal Chevrolet dealership.

Currently, some accessible parking spots are only marked with painting on the ground; however, Mr. McKibbon advocates for signs to be posted at drivers' eye level to mark the spots.

Following Mr. McKibbon's presentation, the Committee reviewed the regulations governing how many accessible parking spots a business must have. The number of accessible parking spots is based on a percentage of the total parking spaces available.

The Committee also reviewed the regulations for two types of accessible parking spots – van/bus spots and passenger vehicle spots. Steve Murphy noted business/property owners need to adjust their accessible spots to the new standards only if the parking lot is resurfaced or repainted.

Steve Murphy noted he spoke with the Dufferin County Building department to confirm the number of accessible parking spots are checked by the planners when they are completing site plan approvals.

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #2
Review of Minutes – April 9, 2018 Meeting

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

The minutes were adopted by Council on May 10, 2018.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #3
Accessibility Awards Kit for Municipalities

The Committee viewed the suggestions sent to Dufferin's municipalities on how to celebrate Accessibility Awareness Week as well as a template for a Mayor's award that could be presented to an accessible business or an accessibility advocate.

The municipalities were asked to proclaim May 27 – June 2, 2018 as Accessibility Week at their own Council meetings.

Kat Anderson was present at the Council Meeting last week to accept the Dufferin County "AccessAbility Week" proclamation from Warden Mills.

4. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #4
Update on Accessibility for Small Business Event

The planning process is underway for the small business information event. The information session will take place in the atrium at the County of Dufferin building at 55 Zina Street from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

The information session will be presented in partnership with the Dufferin Board of Trade and the Small Business Enterprise Centre. It will feature a speaker and a panel question and answer session on service animals.

Sarah Anthony is developing a handout featuring an accessibility checklist and tips geared towards small businesses.

5. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #5
Ontario Association for the Deaf Visor Card

The Ontario Association for the Deaf has released a visor card for those with hearing impairments to keep in their vehicle. This card will allow clear communication with police officers.

The visor card can be obtained on the Ontario Association for the Deaf website or a laminated copy can be ordered.

6. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 14, 2018 – ITEM #6
Continuing Education – Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable People

Steve Murphy presented information on emergency preparedness for vulnerable people.

Vulnerable people and their caretakers need to be prepared in the event of an extended power outage. They need to know the risks, make a plan and build an emergency kit.

When preparing an emergency plan the following considerations should be taken:

- Mobility issues
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Hidden disabilities (i.e. diabetes, MS)
- Senior citizens needs

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Gravelle requested the meeting agenda and documents be sent out the Wednesday preceding the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The information session adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

June 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room