



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The Committee met at 7:00 p.m. by video conference.

Members Present: Sean Johnson (Chair)
David Vahey

Members Absent: Trevor Lewis (prior notice)

Staff Present: Kareem Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Advisor
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Steve Ducharme, Facilities Manager
Brenda Wagner, Administrator, Dufferin Oaks
Michelle Hargrave, Administrative Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisor read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

REPORTS

1. ACCESS DUFFERIN – August 30, 2023 – ITEM #1
Parking Lot Design Review

The Committee completed a review of accessible parking space design proposal for 54 Lawrence Ave, Orangeville, the Museum of Dufferin, the Edelbrock Centre and Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home.

Steve Ducharme, Facilities Manager, noted 54 Lawrence Ave is a County owned housing unit consisting of three 8-unit townhomes. It was noted the accessible parking spots in front of Block 2 are not wide enough to meet AODA standards and do not have an accessible aisle. It was suggested the area with river stone could be hazardous, noting if it was a wider concrete sidewalk it might allow for better maneuvering. The Facilities Manager noted that area is being used as a swale for water catchment as that is the drain area for water coming off the roof. He will consult with the engineers to see if there is an alternative solution.

The accessible parking spaces at the Museum of Dufferin currently do not meet AODA standards so the parking lot needs to be redesigned. The number of accessible parking spaces, as well as the width of the spaces and parking aisles need to be increased. The Committee noted a concern with the angled parking spot immediately north of the accessible parking spots. There may not be sufficient room for maneuvering in and out of the space with an accessible device. The Facilities Manager will investigate this further.

The Committee reviewed the options for accessible parking at the Edelbrock Centre. After reviewing the proposed designs and Committee comments, it was suggested that two accessible parking spots could be on the north side of the parking lot and the remaining spots could be at the south side of the parking lot. The electric vehicle charging spots could be redesigned to be up to AODA standards to accommodate those with accessibility needs using electric vehicles. The Facilities Manager will speak to the engineers to review the suggested changes.

Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, noted that the accessible parking spaces at Dufferin Oaks are AODA compliant but the signage needs to be replaced. The parking lot is being repaved and all lines and markers will be repainted. The Committee had no concerns with the project as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON