



## Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee

### Minutes

December 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room

Present: Dorothy McFarlane, Chair  
Shanjay Kailayanathan  
Lisa Knowlton  
Julia McCrea  
Gino Vendetti, Vice-Chair  
Amit Arora  
Anagha Sumant

Absent: Adeel Haq  
Councillor McConkey

Also Present: P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator  
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator  
J. MacIsaac, Director, Diversity, Equity and Reconciliation  
D. Billham, Manager, Parks Planning and Development

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### Public Meeting

Dot McFarlane, Chair called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee were in attendance in the Committee Room except Gino Vendetti, Anagha Sumant, Julie McCrea and Amit Arora who were participating electronically and Adeel Haq and Councillor McConkey who were absent.

### Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

**Additional Agenda Items**

None

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Presentations**

**Knights of Columbus Park Pathway**

David Billham, Manager, Parks Planning and Development provided the Committee with a presentation on a proposed asphalt surfaced accessible switchback ramp from the existing parking lot down to the Knights of Columbus sports fields.

The Committee questioned the Manager, Parks Planning and Development.

**Delegations**

None

**Referrals from Council and Committees**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Reports**

**OAAC- 24-38 - Tenth Report of the BUILT Environment Subcommittee - October 2024**

Julie McCrea joined the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That Report OAAC-24-38 being the Tenth Report of the BUILT Environment Subcommittee, dated October 2024 be received for information.

Carried

**OAAC-24-39 - 2025 Proposed Meeting Dates**

Moved by Shanjay Kailayanathan

That the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee 2025 Meeting Schedule as set out in Report OAAC-24-39 be adopted as recommended.

Carried

**OAAC-24-40 - 2024 Workplan Status and Proposed 2025 Workplan**

Moved by Shanjay Kailayanathan

That Report OAAC-24-40 concerning the O.A.A.C.'s 2024 year end accomplishments and 2025 Work Plan be endorsed and included in the Council Information Package.

Carried

**Items Introduced by Members**

None

**Adjournment**

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carried