



**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

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