

Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee**Minutes**

**June 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room**

Present: Dorothy McFarlane, Chair
Gino Vendetti, Vice-Chair
Amit Arora
Lisa Knowlton
Anagha Sumant
Councillor McConkey

Absent: Adeel Haq
Shanjay Kailayanathan
Julia McCrea

Also Present: P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
L. Lawson, Accessibility Program Coordinator

Public Meeting

Dot McFarlane, Chair called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Gino Vendetti, Councillor McConkey, Amit Arora and Anagha Sumant who were participating electronically and Adeel Haq, Shanjay Kailayanathan and Julie McCrea 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

Chris Baylis, Independent Project Managers -39 Athol Street West CIP

Chris Baylis, Independent Project Managers provided the Committee with a presentation concerning the accessibility plan for proposed development at 39 Athol Street West.

The Committee questioned the presenter.

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That the order of the agenda be altered to bring forward Report OAAC-25-17 at this time.

(Requires 2/3 vote of members present)

Carried

OAAC-25-17 - 39 Athol Steet West CIP Accessible Plan Submission

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That based on Report OAAC-25-17 the Community Improvement Program - Accessibility Plan Submission for 39 Athol Street West be endorsed.

Carried

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

OAAC-25-15 - Region of Durham Requesting Nominations for the Regional Accessibility Awards

Moved by Anagha Sumant

That based on Correspondence OAAC-25-15 from the Region of Durham inviting nominations for the 2025 Region of Durham Accessibility Awards, that Cornerstone Community Association Durham Inc. be nominated for this award as this organization has been developing affordable and accessible housing options for persons in the Oshawa and Durham area to meet a variety of needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, half-way housing and seniors housing and have developed additional housing over the last several years that include accessible units with accessible entries, washrooms and scooter rooms to meet the outstanding area needs.

Carried

Reports

OAAC-25-16 - Fourth Report of the BUILT Subcommittee - June 2025

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That Report OAAC-25-16 dated June 6, 2025 being the Fourth Report of the BUILT Environment Subcommittee be received for information.

Carried

Items Introduced by Members

None

Adjournment

Moved by Lisa Knowlton

That the meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Carried