



## **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**Date:** December 9, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Members:** Peggy Anne Gordon, Chair (Left at 4:55 p.m.)  
Deborah Muldoon, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Robertson  
Rosa Bustamante  
Matthew Lam (Left at 5:07 p.m.)  
Ruth Sheridan

**Regrets:** David Underwood

**Staff:** Andrea Coyne, Manager of Elections, Policy and Print Services (In person)  
Ting Ku, Manager of Traffic Operations  
Nick Valerio, Manager of Capital Projects  
Rebecca Brookes, Corporate Strategy Program Advisor  
Andrea Jones, Project Leader - Accessibility  
Frank Loconte, Landscape Architect  
Sarah Stewart, Web Coordinator  
Jill Marcovecchio, Council and Committee Coordinator (In person)

**Also Present:** Tonia Di Risio, Program Supervisor of Culture

**A virtual meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on December 9, 2021, at the Oakville Municipal Building, commencing at 4:00 p.m.**

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#### **1. Regrets**

As noted above.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Moved by Deborah Muldoon

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

**4. Discussion Item(s)****4.1 Orange Crosswalk – December 9, 2021**

Rebecca Brookes, Corporate Strategy Program Advisor, reported on the Orange Crosswalk as provided in the PowerPoint presentation, providing background, and highlighting accessibility features of the potential crossing. Ms. Brookes advised that on September 28, 2021 Council approved that an orange crosswalk be installed to commemorate all Indigenous children, and demonstrate the town's ongoing commitment to an inclusive community including our Indigenous community.

Ms. Brookes explained the three options to recognize the Indigenous community, including Option 1 - moccasin (four large moccasin types throughout the crosswalk), and Option 2 - moccasin (four small moccasin types side by side at both entrances/ends to the crosswalk to demark entering/leaving). Option 3 was not included in the PowerPoint presentation – moccasin (similar to Option 1 but two rows of 4 moccasins).

Ms. Brookes asked for the committee's feedback on the orange crosswalk, signalized intersection, design options, colour contrast, and accessibility, advising that the orange crosswalk was being taken to the committee and Indigenous community.

Ms. Brookes further advised that staff will report back to Council on the funding and implementation plan, and the preference for the orange crosswalk to be on one of Oakville treaty lands. Ms. Brookes indicated that next steps include consultation through the winter, staff will report to Council in Q2 2022, and that the orange crosswalk will be installed for National Indigenous Month in June 2022.

Tonia DiRisio, Program Supervisor of Culture, reported on the orange crosswalk as provided in the PowerPoint presentation, providing details, and community engagement. Ms. DiRisio advised that the Moccasin Identifier Project which is currently installed at Tannery Park is part of a larger project related to the Metis and Indigenous communities involving four moccasins of groups on these lands and a graphic symbol and walking on the land.

Ting Ku, Manager of Traffic Operations, reported on the orange crosswalk as provided in the PowerPoint presentation, advising of his technical role and support to the committee, and reviewing considerations for the orange crosswalk. Mr. Ku asked for the committee's input on the location of an orange crosswalk within the community to be added to the list.

The committee provided the following comments for consideration:

- consider the material of orange paint, and the ability for people in wheelchairs to navigate the crosswalk;
- concern with the orange colour to be used for all municipalities in terms of having a unique design and the province wanting a universal design for a crosswalk;
- concern with the size of the larger moccasin types (Option 1) and drivers slowing down and/or stopping to look at the moccasins causing confusion (safety concern);
- receive feedback from the Indigenous community first and then the committee;
- concern with the visual design and it's hard to see the moccasin types at both entrances/ends to the crosswalk (Option 2), likes the bigger moccasin types throughout the crosswalk which are better (Option 1);
- undertake a public awareness campaign for the orange crosswalk;
- the orange colour contrast is a very visible color for the visually impaired, likes moccasin types at both entrances/ends to the crosswalk (Option 2); and
- consider accessibility and signage to explain the orange crosswalk.

Staff responded to questions regarding the orange crosswalk, advising of the following:

- the material that will be used is commonly applied for pavement marking, weather is accommodating for durable painting, and the crosswalk is accessible;
- a public awareness campaign about the orange crosswalk is being planned;
- staff recommend installing the crosswalk at a signalized intersection rather than a pedestrian crosswalk, and to use the pantone orange colour contrast;
- there is nothing from the province at this time on orange crosswalks and the town wants to come out of the gate early on this initiative, and permeable paint and colour can be corrected if needed;
- staff will be consulting with the Indigenous community – staff presented to the AAC so that we can take the accessibility considerations forward when deciding on the design and location; and
- town sign standards on accessibility and guidelines will be adhered to.

*Peggy Anne Gordon transferred the Chair to Deborah Muldoon in order to speak to this item.*

It was noted that staff are asking for the committee's feedback on orange crosswalks, such as colour contrast, design, sight problems, and visual aspects. The design of the orange crosswalk will follow after, and the committee is not selecting the design.

*Peggy Anne Gordon resumed the Chair.*

Moved by Rosa Bustamante

That the Orange Crosswalk report from the Economic Development and Corporate Strategy department, Roads & Works department, and Transportation and Engineering department, be received.

CARRIED

#### **4.2 North Park Sports Park, December 9, 2021**

Frank Loconte, Landscape Architect, introduced the town's consultant for the sports park project Jon Joyce, Landscape Architect, MBTW Group.

Staff and the consultant reported on the accessibility features for North Park Sports Park Phase 2 as provided in the PowerPoint presentation.

The sports park is being developed in tandem with the addition of a community center and library adjacent to the existing Sixteen Mile Sports Complex. The plan is to develop sports fields and other outdoor amenity spaces in a district park setting with relationship to the proposed community centre.

John Joyce presented the project for the North Park site development, and highlighted accessibility standards and guidelines for park development, park context, sports park key features, park concept plan, park circulation, enlargement of activity area, park circulation, universal design features, children's play spaces and equipment standards, conceptual field house floor plan, and field house facility features.

*Peggy Anne Gordon transferred the Chair to Deborah Muldoon as she left the meeting.*

The committee provided the following comments for consideration:

- concern that a combination of speed control bumps and crossways could become a hazard on the sides of a wheelchair, and a person using mobility equipment may have difficulty crossing, it's very rare to see them used together;
- consider speed control bumps to exist on their own and designated crosswalks colour coded separately; and
- concern that tactile indicators are not located on the entire surface of the crosswalk and only at the entrance for the visually impaired and wheelchair access.

The consultant responded to questions regarding the sports park, advising of the following:

- speaking with the traffic consultant who is part of the consulting team for the community centre on speed control bumps and crossways, various points where vehicles and pedestrians will meet within the plan, and the best and safest treatments;
- a raised crosswalk is a great solution for providing save access for pedestrians across vehicular routes and double duty as a speed control;
- design development process and nothing is set in stone, and will takeaway speed control bumps and crossings for further traffic discussion; and

- tactile indicators are located across the entire width of the walkway as enter or access the crosswalk area.

Staff responded to questions regarding the sports park, advising of the following:

- the crossing could possibly be a bit wider to accommodate access, and the crossing is wider than a sidewalk and helps with pedestrian access and vehicles slowing down on the road.

Moved by Rosa Bustamante

1. That the report dated November 30, 2021, entitled North Park Sports Park from the Parks and Open Space Department, be received.
2. That universal design features in the North Park Sports Park project be endorsed.

CARRIED

#### **4.3 Accessibility Annual Status Update 2021**

Andrea Coyne, Manager of Elections, Policy and Print Services, reported on the Accessibility Annual Status Update 2021 as provided in the PowerPoint presentation. The annual status report is provided to the committee on the measures taken to implement the town's multi-year accessibility plan to meet requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*, and highlight some key achievements. Ms. Coyne highlighted 2021 key accomplishments and 2022 activities. Ms. Coyne asked for the committee's feedback on the accessibility annual status update to be incorporated into the final plan to the staff report and posted on the town website.

Vice-Chair Muldoon asked that the members review the report and provide their comments to staff.

Moved by Ruth Sheridan

1. That the report dated November 30, 2021, entitled Accessibility Annual Status Update 2021, from the Clerk's department, be received.
2. That the Accessibility Annual Status Update 2021 be endorsed.

CARRIED

**5. Information Item(s)**

**5.1 2021 Community Spirit Award Recipients - Ruth Sheridan for the Access Award Sponsored by Access Abilities**

**5.2 CNIB Advocacy - Insulin Pumps Accessible for Canadians Living with Diabetes and Sight Loss**

**5.3 2022 Meeting Schedule**

**5.4 CNIB- Moneris Core Payment Terminals Equipped with Enhanced Accessibility Features**

*YouTube Video: [re-watch this short video.](#)*

Moved by Councillor Robertson

That the information items be received.

CARRIED

**6. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Oakville Municipal Building

Virtual Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by Ruth Sheridan

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.