



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Committee Present:

Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo, Councillor Terry Burns, Michael Gerard, Cynthia Butcher, Joanna Conrad

Members of Committee Absent:

Jason Thibodeau

Administration Present:

L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, M. Beggs, Manager of Roads and Parks, T. Brydon, Supervisor of Parks, S. Bisson, Manager of Culture and Recreation, O. Stichhaller, Supervisor of Recreation, R. Tufts, Council Coordinator, S. Smith, IS Administrator

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

B. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

C. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Terry Burns

Seconded By: Cynthia Butcher

That the minutes of the meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated February 21, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

D. Items for Consideration

1. Parks Playground Construction 2024

M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Recreation presented the report.

M. Jones, New Work Park Solutions, presented the Committee with renderings of Rivervilla Park and the accessible design features.

P. Windle, Henderson Play Equipment, presented the Committee with renderings of Meo, Lafferty and Natalie parks and the accessible design features.

J. Conrad suggested that in order for the Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide input on playground equipment in parks, that they be a part of the design process rather than being presented with the final design. She also proposed Administration reach out to those in the community who use the playground equipment to get a better understanding of their needs.

M. Gerard stated that he would like to see more than the minimum components of the Accessible standards incorporated in our parks.

AAC-06-24

Moved By: Councillor Terry Burns

Seconded By: Cynthia Butcher

That the report of the Manager of Roads and Parks dated February 29, 2024 (PW-AC-2024-1) regarding the Construction of Playground Equipment in 2024 be received.

Carried.

E. Questions/Statements from Members of the Committee

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo asked if Provincial or Federal grants are available for accessible initiatives to help with park upgrades.

M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Roads advised that grant applications have been made in the past with some success and that the Finance Department is made aware of any potential funding.

M. Gerard advised that Chatham Kent has approached the community for fundraising and donations and inquired if there is potential for this in LaSalle.

M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Roads advised that this is an avenue we can look into.

AAC-07-25

Moved By: Councillor Terry Burns

Seconded By: Joanna Conrad

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee be involved in the planning process for park upgrades and the Parks Master Plan.

Carried.

F. Next Meeting

The next scheduled Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

G. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 10:54 a.m.

Chair

Deputy Clerk