



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The Committee met at 7:00 pm by video conference.

Members Present: Sean Johnson (Chair)
Trevor Lewis
David Vahey

Staff Present: Kareema Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisor
Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist
Michelle Hargrave, Administrative Support Specialist

The Chair called the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

REPORTS

1. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 15, 2024 – Item #1
Resilience Hub Pilot Project

Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, presented an update regarding the Resilience Hub Pilot Project proposal and engagement plan. The Resilience Hub will be an outdoor structure that serves as a focal point for the community. A staff capacity grant for 300 hours from the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation for the project. The hub will focus on climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness, and community connection. It may feature immediate access to critical emergency resources, communications infrastructure and everyday wellness infrastructure.

The Climate and Energy division are currently in Phase 1 of the project: creating a project plan, community engagement and ideas for hub design. Phase 2 will take

place in 2025 and will include the procurement process, construction and activation of the hub.

Climate and Energy will be considering the Integrated Accessibility Standards – Design of Public Spaces Policy, as well as consulting the AllAccess Toolkit: Guide on Application of Design of Public Spaces guide book.

The Climate and Energy Division has extended an invitation for an Access Dufferin Committee member to serve on the Public Service Review Table that will assist with the design of the hub.

Kylie-Anne will return in September after first round of community engagement, to consult Access Dufferin again, then again later in the year to present preliminary design options.

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 15, 2024 – Item #2
Other Business

Michelle Hargrave provided an update on the parking lot at the Edelbrock Centre. The repainting of the parking lot lines, including the restructuring of accessible spaces will be taking place on May 18, 2024.

Trevor Lewis inquired if there was any news regarding the use of accessible buses when the regular Orangeville Transit buses are out of service. Staff will reach out to the Town of Orangeville regarding the buses.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – May 15, 2024 – Item #3
Dimensions of Neurodiversity

Kim Van Ryn, Branching Out Support Services, provided a presentation regarding Dimensions of Neurodiversity. Kim reviewed what neurodiversity means, person first language, and effective communication.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON