



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre Accessibility & Inclusivity Advisory Committee

June 21, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Michelle Smibert, Chair/Council Representative
Michelle Coghlin, Vice-Chair/Community Representative
Shauna Rae, Community Representative
Jesse Farquharson, Community Representative

Members Absent: Thomas Heeman, Council Representative

Staff Present: Steve MacDonald
Jana Nethercott, Recording Secretary

1. Call To Order

Chair M. Smibert called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by: M. Coghlin
Seconded by: S. Rae
(Resolution # AIAC-009-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility and Inclusivity Advisory Committee meeting held on May 24, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. Reports of Staff

None.

6. Committee Business

6.1 Pride Celebration

Committee Member S. Rae reported on the planning for the Pride Celebration on July 9, 2023 from noon to 4 pm in the Thorndale Community Park.

6.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgements

There was some discussion on the topic of training available for staff and members of the committee surrounding Indigenous Reconciliation, as well as inclusion training for other groups. Staff are to research training options and report back to the committee on options available.

6.3 Recommendation from Dorchester Dream Park Committee

The Director of Community Services and Facilities reported that the Community Group Dorchester Dream Park Committee would like to move forward with Phase 2 of the Dorchester Inclusive Park, with monies raised through donations, sponsorships and grants. The Director of Community Services and Facilities presented the equipment this group would like to purchase and a request for a recommendation to Council to issue the RFP.

Moved by: S. Rae
Seconded by: J. Farquharson
(Resolution # AIAC-010-2023)

THAT the Accessibility and Inclusivity Advisory Committee recommends to Thames Centre Council the following:

THAT Council directs Staff to issue a Request for Proposal for Phase 2 of the Dorchester Inclusive Park, with all costs for this phase covered by available donation and sponsorship funds raised for this project by the date that the winning proposal is selected;

AND THAT Council approve the purchase and installation of the donor recognition board, at a cost of \$4,418.48 + HST, with all costs for this covered by available donation and sponsorship funds raised for this project to date;

AND THAT Council approve updating donor recognition program to add two additional donor levels, those being “Champion” for donations of \$10,000 or more and “Visionary” for donations of \$20,000 and above.

Carried.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

Committee Member J. Farquharson reported that the Youth Accessibility Grant Funding for 2024 has opened. Committee members will be sent the details and a discussion on possible grant submission ideas at the next meeting.

10. Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled to be held August 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Moved by: S. Rae
Seconded by: M. Coghlin
(Resolution # AIAC-011-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:53 p.m.

Carried.