



**City of Kingston  
Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting Number 04-2021  
Confirmed Minutes**

**Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
In a virtual, electronic format**

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**Committee Members Present**

Caitlin Bruce; Chair  
Councillor Neill  
Dorothyanne Brown  
Kate Deacon  
Penny Leclair  
Susan Mockler  
Leah Riddell  
Sheri Scott  
Nick Streicher  
Janice Wilby  
David Williams

**Regrets**

Andrew Ashby  
Glenn Griffiths  
Megan Kerrigan  
Matt Porter

**Staff Members Present**

Jennifer Campbell, Director, Heritage Services

Janet Jaynes, Deputy City Clerk  
Speros Kanellos, Director, Facilities Management & Construction  
Andrea Labey, Facilities Operation Coordinator  
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Committee Clerk  
Jeff Rempel, Manager, Realty Construction Projects  
Iain Sullivan, Information Compliance Analyst  
Colin Wiginton, Director, Arts & Culture Services

**Meeting to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Ms. Brown

Seconded by Ms. Scott

**That** the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Ms. Mockler

Seconded by Ms. Riddell

**That** the Minutes of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting 03-2021 held Thursday, May 6, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There was none.

**Delegations**

There were none.

## **Briefings**

- a) Speros Kanellos, Director, Facilities Management & Construction Services, was present and briefed the Committee on the Facilities Management and Construction Services Update.

Mr. Kanellos provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee with respect to the Facilities Management and Construction Services Update. A copy of the presentation can be requested through the Office of the City Clerk.

Ms. Leclair asked if the Grand Theatre has hearing aid accessible technology for individuals who attend events there. Mr. Wiginton responded that the theatre does have a hearing assistive system for patrons who come to a performance and stated that they can request to use this during a show. He continued that other options for future developments for this system are being looked at as well.

Mr. Williams questioned whether there is future consideration for accessible seating aside from back-row seating at the theatre and commented that there may be potential for seating in different areas of the theatre. Mr. Wiginton stated that this is an issue that is actively being looked at and that there has been consideration given to this as well as dedicated seating for ASL interpretation for viewing in addition to seating only in the back row.

Councillor Neill asked if there is an opportunity to look at venues that have not had any renovations within recent years and questioned if the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee will have some input on updates. Mr. Kanellos responded that when they do regular asset management planning and day to day maintenance, the City is always looking at ways to enhance accessibility and increase sustainability. He provided the example of the Grand Theatre and its low lighting levels and how this is being looked at with both an accessibility and sustainability point of view. Mr. Kanellos stated that there is not a specific program that will audit these venues every five years but that any issues identified by staff or the public is considered under both long-term asset management planning and capital management planning.

Ms. Brown inquired about the East End Community Centre adult change tables and asked if there are plans to have change tables for the gendered washrooms. Mr. Rempel stated that there will be an operable adult change table in the universal washroom as well as barrier free washroom stalls in either of the gendered washrooms. To provide further clarification, Mr. Rempel stated that there are accessible change

rooms within the washrooms with a platform that can be used for change table purposes.

The Committee had no further questions.

- b)** Colin Wiginton, Director, Arts & Culture Services, was present and briefed the Committee about the Annual Accessibility Update, Cultural Services Department.

Mr. Wiginton provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee with respect to the Annual Accessibility Update, Cultural Services Department. A copy of the presentation can be requested through the Office of the City Clerk.

Ms. Riddell asked about the possibility of having QR codes being made available for ASL provision of the same information for the historical and heritage pieces. Ms. Campbell responded that the City has used QR codes as part of the interpretative elements in the past and that they had moved away from usage of them in recent years. She continued that they are being more commonly used again and stated that she is happy to include them in discussions about future installations. Ms. Campbell stated that the City included a QR code for the Market Wing cultural space as part of the signage.

Councillor Neill inquired about the exploration into working with KFL&A Public Health to encourage the opportunity for live performances with proof of vaccinations. Mr. Wiginton responded that the City is in regular contact with colleagues across various performing arts groups and organizations and that they are tracking these types of conversations. He continued that they are not seeing any direction from the provincial government regarding double vaccinations and what this means for access to events. Mr. Wiginton stated that the performing arts sector has launched a campaign to advocate to the provincial government to allow live performances to come back online. He concluded with the hope that a formula created in conjunction with this would identify other requirements, such as physical distancing, to allow for live performances in the coming months. Mr. Wiginton provided discussion about the development of live stream capabilities at the Grand Theatre.

The Committee had no further questions.

## **Business**

### **a) Facilities Management and Construction Services Update**

The Chair offered members of the public an opportunity to speak. There were no members of the public present.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

### **b) Annual Accessibility Update, Cultural Services Department**

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

### **c) Project Team Appointments**

Moved by Ms. Brown

Seconded by Councillor Neill

**That** the representative from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be appointed to the following project team:

- i) Crawford Wharf Benches – Penny Leclair**

**Carried**

### **d) Committee Work Plan Update**

Ms. Jaynes provided an update of the Committee Work Plan and highlighted the items that will be coming to the Committee in the fall.

The Chair offered the Committee an opportunity for questions or comments. The Committee had no questions.

## **Motions**

There were none.

## **Notices of Motion**

There were none.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Correspondence**

There was none.

**Date and time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Mockler

Seconded by Ms. Riddell

**That** the meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 1:54 p.m.

**Carried**