



Accessibility Advisory Committee
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 –1:00 p.m.
The Frontenac Room - County Administrative Building,
2069 Battersea Road
Meeting to be held in combination of in person and Virtual
Electronic Format,
and live streamed on the County of Frontenac's YouTube
Channel
https://youtu.be/PFiqu_FfuHY

AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a) **That** the agenda for the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Joint Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of Meeting held September 21, 2021
That the minutes of the Joint Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held September 21, 2021 be adopted.
5. **Deputations and/or Presentations**
6. **Reports to the Accessibility Advisory Committee**
 - a) Consideration of the 2021 Celebration of Accessibility Awards

[Distributed under separate cover]
7. **Township Updates**
 - a) Township of North Frontenac
 - b) Township of Central Frontenac
 - c) Township of South Frontenac
 - d) Township of Frontenac Islands
8. **Communications**

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9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

11. Adjournment



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Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

A meeting of the Frontenac Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (FAAC) was held in hybrid format, hosted at the County Administrative Office, 2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Present: Neil Allen, Community Representative, South Frontenac, Chair
Ed Schlievert, Community Representative, North Frontenac
Janet MacDonald, Community Representative, Frontenac Islands
Councillor Bill MacDonald, Council Liaison
Councillor Gerry Martin

Present Electronically David Yerxa, Community Representative At Large

Regrets Kurt Halliday, Community Representative, Central Frontenac

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By: Mr. Schlievert

That the agenda and addendum for the September 21, 2021 meeting of the Joint Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were none.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting held July 13, 2021

Moved By: Mr. Schlievert

Seconded By: Mr. Martin

That the minutes of the Joint Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held July 13, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5. Deputations and/or Presentations

6. Reports to the Accessibility Advisory Committee

2021-084

**Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee
Update Report**

This report is for information purposes only.

2021-085

Accessibility Improvements on the Frontenac K&P Trail

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By: Mr. Schlievert

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the accessibility improvements for the Frontenac K&P Trail outlined in this report.

Carried

Mr. Allen provided an overview of the reporting, noting that in mid-2019, the County applied for grants for accessibility upgrades to the trail to bring them up to AODA standards

Mr. Allen noted three key areas of improvements, those being gate improvements, installation of benches for rest areas and the addition of edge protection. Benches will be focused where one might need a rest such as the top of hill to encourage more use by those with mobility issues and seniors. He noted the engage Frontenac project currently up for residents to provide feedback on bench locations.

In terms of the gate improvements, Mr. Allen noted that currently, all gates leave the travelled portion of the trail to a ledge before re-entering the trail which poses a hazard to all users of the trail. They are also too narrow to accommodate a wheelchair so changes to the gates are part of the grant application. Gates are there to prevent

motorized vehicles from accessing the trail however they still seem to find a way in so the gates are now more of a deterrent than a barrier to accessing the trail.

In terms of edge protection, there are many locations along the trail with steep drop offs and even with the grant, the County cannot provide protection for the entire length of the trail. As such a priority matrix will be developed.

Concerns regarding accessibility of emergency vehicles getting through was raised and it was questioned if the County could look at removing the gates and putting an arm type gate that can swing up to allow emergency vehicles through. Mr. Allen advised that the County is working on this and the new gates are retrofitted so that if someone wanted to, they could open the gate by removing the locking mechanism. The new gating system is a deterrent as opposed to a barrier.

In terms of timelines, Mr. Allen noted that the County does open the gates for snowmobiles so we will take them down at that time and have them retrofitted over the winter.

Ms. Plumley asked if the County had considered allowing memorial plaques on the benches, including access award winners to which Mr. Allen noted that he anticipates a Memorial Bench program to be developed in the future.

7. Township Updates

a) Township of North Frontenac

Councillor Martin noted the Accessibly grant received to update accessible washrooms and ramps, widened door frames and hand rails at the Snow Road Community Hall. The Contractor has been hired with the hope of having the project completed by Christmas.

b) Township of Central Frontenac

New Ramp at the OSO Hall.

Comments were being solicited from the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee on the new ramp at Oso Hall in Sharbot Lake.

It was noted by the members that wood can be a slippery surface, and a concern during the winter. It was suggested to use something that might be sprayed on to add grit to the surface and provide traction.

It was also noted that there is danger on pressure treated wood when wet; however Councillor MacDonald noted that this will be a covered ramp so impact of snow and ice will be minimized. He also noted that the approach

to this ramp will be a huge improvement to what was there before.

Township of South Frontenac

Township of Frontenac Islands

8. Communications

- a) From Janet MacDonald providing article on key issues being overlooked in Election 44. There is a form on the Elections Canada website to provide feedback.
- b) From Kurt Halliday providing AODA Alliance Updates
- c) From Kurt Halliday regarding Government of Canada Survey on its Disability Inclusion Action Plan

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint Frontenac Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved By: Mr. Schlievert
Seconded By: Ms. MacDonald

That the meeting hereby adjourn at 11:04 a.m.

Carried