

**HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HCAAC)
MINUTES**

Hybrid
November 20, 2023

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in a hybrid meeting setting on November 20, 2023 at 57 Napier Street in Goderich.

All members of the Committee were present except for Chair Bazinet and Members McLachlan and McNicol. Member Turland joined at 9:12 AM.

Staff present: Accessibility Coordinator Oonagh Vaucrosson, County Planner Hanna Holman, County Clerk Susan Cronin, County Deputy Clerk Ljubica Blazevic, Working Group Chair Rachel Anstett and Capital Works Technician Carl Hoonard.
Staff absent: Building Inspector Jenny Zimmer.

1. Vice Chair Sawchuk called the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Member Falconer and Seconded by: Member Sebastian

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda for November 20, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Falconer

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. 2023 Huron County Awards of Merit for Accessibility (presented by Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee)

2023 Huron County Awards of Merit for Accessibility (presented by Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee)

Business Category Award

- The Riverview Local Eatery – the award will be presented to the recipients at a later arranged time and date.

Public Sector Category Award

- Central Huron Municipality – Angela Smith and Mayor Jim Ginn were present to receive the award.

- The Township of Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh – Florence Witherspoon, Clerk was present to receive the award.
- 5.2. Sandra Thompson Memorial Accessibility Champion Award – 2023
- The award was given to Carol Leeming for her dedicated years of service promoting accessibility.

Committee recessed at 9:13 AM to take photos and resumed at 9:45 AM.

6. Committee Member Comments:

Warden McNeil emphasized the committee's significance and emphasized their leadership in advancing accessibility, extending its positive influence beyond Huron County. Member Falconer expressed appreciation for the County's support, noting its positive impact.

7. Reports of the Accessibility Coordinator:

7.1. 2023 Annual Accessibility Plan (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Member Turland and Seconded by: Member Falconer

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023, titled 2023 Annual Accessibility Plan, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to the Council of the County of Huron to approve the 2023 Annual Accessibility Plan for the County of Huron as required under the AODA;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy be posted on the Huron County website as directed in the Integrated Accessibility Standard under the AODA and forwarded to all municipalities in Huron County.

CARRIED

7.2. 2024 Multi Year Accessibility Plan Update (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Member Turland and Seconded by: Member Sebastian

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023, titled 2023 Multi Year Accessibility Plan Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to the Council of the County of Huron to approve the 2023 Multi Year Accessibility Plan Update for the County of Huron as required under the AODA;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy be posted on the Huron County website as directed in the Integrated Accessibility Standard under the AODA and forwarded to all municipalities in Huron County.

CARRIED

7.3. Accessibility Coordinator's Report November 2023 (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Turland

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report from Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023, titled Accessibility Coordinator's Report November 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Members discussed the costs associated to the Committee members and staff dedicating time and effort to conduct Accessibility Plan Reviews for external parties outside the County.

8. Reports of the Accessibility Sub-Committees:

8.1. Update from HCAAC Education Committee (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Member Falconer and Seconded by: Member Turland

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023 titled Update from Huron County Accessibility Education Committee, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Report from the HCAAC Review Committee (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Member Turland and Seconded by: Member Thomson

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023 titled Report from the HCAAC Review Committee, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Update from the Directive and Regulation Review Committee (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Member Sebastian and Seconded by: Member Thomson

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023 titled Update from Huron County Accessibility Directive and Regulation Review Committee, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.4. Reports of the Huron County Accessibility Working Group Subcommittee (presented by Oonagh Vaucrosson)

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Falconer

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report by Oonagh Vaucrosson, Accessibility Coordinator, dated November 20, 2023 titled Report from the Huron County Accessibility Working Committee, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:

9.1. 2023 HCAAC Surplus (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Member Falconer and Seconded by: Member Turland

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) requests that 2023 HCAAC surplus funds from the Accessibility program fund be moved to a reserve fund for the Portable Outdoor Washroom project.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence: none.

11. Financial Statements:

11.1. Financial Statements (presented by Lisa Harvey)

Moved by: Warden and Seconded by: Member Turland

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

12. Closed to the Public Session: None.

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda:

- Vice Chair Sawchuk proposed that May's National AccessAbility Week be brought forward for discussion. It will be referred to the Education Subcommittee.
- Site Plan checklist by Hanna Holman, Planner
- Video project discussion

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee will be on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

15. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Turland and Seconded by: Member Thomson

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 10:48 AM.

CARRIED

Chair Trevor Bazinet