TOWN OF AMHERST

Accessibility Committee

Minutes

Date: September 14, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Board Room, Town Hall

Members Present Councillor Dale Fawthrop

Councillor Leon Landry

Tammy Allen, Citizen Representative Marina Godfrey, Citizen Representative Matthew Medland, Citizen Representative

Staff Present Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk

Jason MacDonald Chief Administrative Officer

Andrew Bickle, Capital Asset Coordinator / Property Manager

Sharon Bristol, Community Well Being Manager

Regrets Joanne Hopper, Citizen Representative

1. Call to Order

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Matthew Medland, Citizen Representative Seconded By Councillor Landry That the agenda of the September 14, 2022 Accessibility Committee Meeting be approved as circulated

Motion Carried

1.2 Approval of Minutes - May, 11, 2022

Moved By Marina Godfrey, Citizen Representative Seconded By Matthew Medland, Citizen Representative That the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Accessibility Committee Meeting be approved as circulated

Motion Carried

2. <u>Discussion Items</u>

2.1 Community Consultation Update

Sharon Bristol presented the Community Consultation update and discussed the local stake holders she has been in contact with.

2.2 Survey Results

Sharon Bristol informed the Committee that sixty people had responded to the survey. The majority of the concerns listed was the conditions of sidewalks, roadways, crosswalks and in some areas outdoor lighting.

2.3 Further Engagement and Consultation

Sharon Bristol discussed her meetings with local community groups for strategy objectives. The survey will remain online till the end of September, some community groups meetings are scheduled in September and October and participants may complete survey if they wish. Goal is to close all survey responses by end of October.

2.4 <u>Draft Accessibility Strategy Discussion</u>

Sharon Bristol spoke of the various municipalities Accessibility Strategic plans and used the common framework to create the Amherst Accessibility Strategic Plan. Committee members are to bring to the next meeting suggestions for changes and additions. The objective is to have a final draft ready for Council by December.

2.5 What is Working?

Sharon Bristol discussed the positive feed back from her engagements with the local organizations and survey results.

3. Next Meeting Date

The next Accessibility Committee meeting will be October 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

4. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Kimberlee Jones Municipal Clerk	Councillor Dale Fawthrop
Director of Corporate Communications	Chair
& Community Well Being	