



**MIDDLESEX ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 11:00 AM  
Middlesex County Building  
399 Ridout Street North, London

**AGENDA**

**Members Present:**

Warden Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Councillor John Brennan, Councillor Allan Mayhew, Michele Ivanouski, David Sitlington, Mary Jane Steele, Leslie-Anne Steeper-Doxtator, Kathy Bunting, County Clerk; and Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Provision for Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
2. Minutes of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on September 23, 2019  
[A 2 - MAAC - February 3 - MAAC Minutes - September 23, 2019](#)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

That the minutes of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on September 23, 2019 be approved as presented.

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Middlesex Centre Facility Accessibility Consultations  
[B 1 - MAAC Action - February 3 - Middlesex Centre Consultation Projects](#)
  - Presentation by Scott Mairs, Director of Community Service, Middlesex Centre
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

That the feedback listed below provided by the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee be considered by Middlesex Centre in relation to the projects reviewed:

2. Community Transportation Program – Bus Stop Consultation  
[B 2 - MAAC Action - February 3 - Community Transportation Program - Bus Stop Consultation](#)
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

That the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the following design specifications regarding the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters as they relate to the Middlesex County Community Transportation Project:

**C. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Provincial Accessibility Framework  
[C 1 - MAAC Info - February 3 - Advancing Accessibility in Ontario Framework](#)
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

**D. INQUIRIES**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

That the meeting adjourn at p.m.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available upon request. Please contact Kathy Bunting, County Clerk to make a request. [kbunting@middlesex.ca](mailto:kbunting@middlesex.ca)

**MIDDLESEX ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councillors Lounge, Middlesex County Building  
Monday, September 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Councillor John Brennan, Chair; Councillor Allan Mayhew, Vice Chair; Warden Kurtis Smith, Michele Ivanouski, Leslie-Anne Steeper-Doxtator, Kathy Bunting, County Clerk; and Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

Absent: David Sitlington and Mary Jane Steele

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Provision for Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof  
None
2. Minutes of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
June 3, 2019

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Warden Smith

That the minutes of the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on June 3, 2019 be approved as presented.

Carried.

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Taxicab Consultation
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator  
Deferred from the June 3, 2019 meeting pending further information.  
Sam McFarlane will give a verbal update at the meeting

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Leslie-Anne Steeper-Doxtator

That the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to local Councils that if any municipality alters their existing taxicab licensing bylaw or has taxicab licensing added to their portfolio, that the new by-law (or the amendment of an existing one) consider adding a clause that 1 in every 20 taxicabs licensed by any municipality in the County must be accessible as defined in section 1 of Regulation 629 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Vehicles for the Transportation of Physically Disabled Persons) made under the *Highway Traffic Act*. O. Reg. 191/11, s. 79 (4);

and THAT this document be forwarded to Middlesex County Council for information;

Carried.

2. Information and Communications Standard Review
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Mayhew

Seconded by Warden Smith

That the Accessibility Coordinator file the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee's comments on the proposed changes to the Information and Communication Standard with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility through both the survey feedback option, as well as the open ended feedback option.

Carried.

Michele Ivanouski left the meeting at 12:15 pm

### **C. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. 2019 Compliance Reporting
  - Report from Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

Moved by Leslie-Anne Steeper-Doxtator

Seconded by Warden Smith

That the report be received for information.

Carried.

### **D. INQUIRIES**

### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Warden Smith

Seconded by Councillor Mayhew

That the meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Carried.

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County Clerk – Kathleen Bunting

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Chair - Councillor John Brennan



## Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee

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**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2020

**Submitted by:** Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** MIDDLESEX CENTRE FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY  
CONSULTATIONS

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### BACKGROUND:

As per the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the Committee's mandate includes a responsibility to advise Councils on the accessibility for people with disabilities to a building, structure or premise that the council purchases, constructs or significantly renovates, or for which the council enters into a new lease. As a result, following a meeting between the Accessibility Coordinator in Middlesex County and the Director, Community Service in Middlesex Centre, it was determined that the projects listed below fell under the consultation umbrella of the Committee.

### ANALYSIS: Projects being reviewed include:

- Arva Weldon replace park lighting
- Arva Weldon asphalt & drain installation in main parking lot
- Caverhill Park swingbay additions
- Denfield Park playground equipment replacement
- Kilworth Optimist Tridon park development
- Kilworth Optimist dog park
- Poplar Hill Park Pavillion renovations
- Little farm/ clear skies trail
- Ilderton Library addition

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the feedback listed below provided by the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee be considered by Middlesex Centre in relation to the projects reviewed:



## Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee

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**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2020

**Submitted by:** Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – BUS STOP  
CONSULTATION

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 16, 2019, Middlesex County Council approved the Community Transportation Grant Program Transfer Payment Agreement for the implementation of a micro-transit service connecting the communities of Thames Centre with Woodstock and London.

Middlesex County released an Expression of Interest – Middlesex County Community Transportation Project which was used to collect and evaluate responses from service operators for the potential provision of a micro-transit service that will link communities in the Municipality of Thames Centre with Woodstock and London. The micro-transit system will offer a fixed-route and fixed-schedule transit service which will provide two routes: 1) between Thames Centre and Woodstock, and 2) between Thames Centre and London. The micro-transit service will be based on a test-and-learn approach to ensure the service meets the needs of the communities in which it serves.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Under the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) Ontario Regulation 191/11, the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee is required to be consulted on the development of accessible design criteria to be considered in the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the following design specifications regarding the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters as they relate to the Middlesex County Community Transportation Project:



## Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee

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**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2020

**Submitted by:** Sam McFarlane, Accessibility Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** PROVINCIAL ACCESSIBILITY FRAMEWORK

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### BACKGROUND:

Shaped by the recommendations made by the Honourable David C. Onley in the third legislative review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Government of Ontario, more specifically the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, has developed a new accessibility framework. This cross-government framework will help focus the province's work in four key areas:

- breaking down barriers in the built environment
- government leading by example
- increasing participation in the economy for people with disabilities and
- improving understanding and awareness about accessibility

### ANALYSIS:

The first area in Advancing Accessibility in Ontario - breaking down barriers in the built environment - shows how the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility is working with partner ministries and businesses to reduce barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities in the built environment and housing.

Work the government is doing to break down barriers in the built environment includes:

- Making buildings safer and more accessible for people with disabilities by increasing harmonization of Ontario's Building Code with the National Construction Codes. This process is reducing barriers and has resulted in accessibility changes, including new requirements for the design of barrier-free ramps, clearer accessibility requirements in barrier-free washrooms and easier-



to-understand requirements for universal washrooms in large buildings and equipment such as grab bars and faucets.

- Investing \$1.3 million over two years for the Rick Hansen Foundation to launch the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program in Ontario to help remove barriers in buildings. An update on the program will be announced shortly.
- Improving access to buildings and places for people with disabilities by working with key partners in architecture, design, and building. We are exploring ways to enhance training for those practicing in the field and undertaking discussions with the post-secondary sector to reach a new generation of professionals. For example:
  - We are partnering with the Ontario Building Officials Association to enhance its curriculum and training on accessibility, helping to ensure that new and existing buildings can be planned and built to be more accessible.
  - The Royal Architecture Institute of Canada is introducing a new course on accessibility to be available March 2020. Introduction to Successful Accessible Design will analyze the impacts of accessibility in society, the built environment, and the development industry. The course will be offered in English and French, both as a complete university graduate level course and as a continuing education course for practicing professionals.
- Making places of worship more accessible so people can connect with their faith groups by funding Our Doors Are Open - a free guide created by OCAD University that provides practical information on how places of worship can remove physical barriers to accessibility.
- Helping main street businesses earn more customers and employees by providing them with tips on how to become more accessible through funding a free handbook created by the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association called "The Business of Accessibility: How to Make Your Main Street Business Accessibility Smart."
- Giving retailers of all sizes in Ontario practical information on how to make their store more welcoming for customers and staff with disabilities by funding EnAbling Change for Retailers: Make your Store Accessible - a free guide created by Retail Council of Canada that covers how stores can implement accessibility in their communications, customer service and recruitment and retention.

- Providing \$1.4 billion in funding for the 2019-20 school year to help school boards provide safe and healthy learning environments for students, such as installing important accessibility features like elevators and ramps.
- Ensuring better access for people with disabilities throughout Ontario by continuing to require that all public transportation vehicles bought with provincial funding be accessible.
- Continuing to help Ontario residents with long-term mobility disabilities remain in their homes and participate in their communities by funding the Home & Vehicle Modification Program, which is administered by March of Dimes Canada. With an annual investment of \$10.6 million, this program reduces safety risks by approving grants up to \$15,000 to make basic home and vehicle modifications.

As the government moves forward with making Ontario more accessible, upcoming work includes:

- Funding free resources and training materials for the building sector through the EnAbling Change Program to further educate associations and employers about how to improve accessibility in the built environment. Many of these resources are available on a comprehensive one-stop-shop government web page that provides businesses and communities with information to help them be more accessible and inclusive.
- We are committed to developing an innovation guide with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that will be used to support the implementation of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan. The action plan will address housing challenges and support fresh approaches to help make homes more accessible.

Further information on the other key areas in Advancing Accessibility in Ontario will be announced in the coming weeks.