



The Regional Municipality of Durham
Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:00 PM

Meeting Room 1-A
Regional Headquarters Building
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
 - A) Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on September 26, 2023 (Attachment #1)
 - B) Minutes of the Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees held on November 7, 2023 (Attachment #2)
- 4. Introduction of Members**
- 5. Presentations**
 - A) David Dunn, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, re: Simcoe Street Rapid Transit Project and Future Sites

6. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items

7. Correspondence

There are no items of correspondence

8. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

9. Reports for Information

There are no reports to consider

10. Other Business

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM

12. Adjournment

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MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:04 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

D. Campbell, Vice-Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach*, Oshawa
D. Campbell, Whitby, Vice Chair
Councillor McDougall*
J. McEwen, Clarington
S. Sones, Whitby
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Blum, Scugog
W. Henshall, Whitby
L. Houston, Community Care Durham
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Chair

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
J. Nolan, Contact Centre Lead, myDurham 311 Project
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Sochacki*, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
***denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Jacek Sochacki, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering, re: The Durham Standard

Jacek Sochacki, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to The Durham Standard.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- What is the Durham Standard?
- Purpose of the Durham Standard
- Cross-Departmental Development Team
- Standard Development Process
- Referenced External Standards
- Application
- Design Checklists
- Accessibility and Inclusivity Design Checklist
- Space Optimization Design Checklist
- Sustainability and Resilience Design Checklist
- Outcomes
- Ongoing Administration

At this time, a quorum of members was lost. The Committee recessed at 1:20 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of A. Blum, W. Henshall, L. Houston, and R. Purnwasie.

J. Sochacki responded to questions with regards to which consultants were used in preparing the Durham Standard; whether the plan is available online to review; how the Durham Standard will affect the building of the Seaton long-term care facility; whether the Durham Standard will be reviewed against existing facilities in Durham Region; and who is conducting the accessibility checks.

Discussion ensued with regards to whether construction on the Seaton long-term care home in Pickering has begun; and whether changes can be made to the Seaton long-term care home plans.

B) Brittany Brunt, Supervisor of Administration, Administrative Services, re: Mobile Self-Service Front Counters

In the absence of Brittany Brunt, Janet Nolan, Contact Centre Lead, myDurham 311 Project, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Mobile Self-Service Front Counters.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- myDurham 311 Customer Portal
- myDurham 311 Self-Service Technology
- Mobile Stands Reviewed
- Mobile Stands Selected
- myDurham 311 Kiosk Reach
- myDurham 311 Objectives

J. Nolan responded to questions with regards to the services available on the mobile self service iPad; whether there will be a voice component on the iPad for those who are visually impaired; the height of the unit; whether a closed caption feature can be administered on the iPad; where the mobile self-service iPads will be located; whether there will be a person available to provide assistance with the mobile self-service iPads if needed; whether the search history information will be cleared after each use; and when the pilot project will commence and how long it will last.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:09 PM and reconvened at 2:20 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of A. Blum, W. Henshall, L. Houston, and R. Purnwasie.

5. Discussion Items

A) Terms of Reference Review

K. Wall advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is currently under review and that she will share a copy of the document following the meeting. She indicated that there are two changes that she would like feedback on from the group, the date and time of the meetings and the length of time the Committee is required to wait for a quorum before the meeting can begin.

Discussion ensued with regards to moving the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings to the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM; and changing the wait time for a quorum from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

B) Canadian National Institute of the Blind (CNIB) Accessible Transit Campaign in Durham Region

K. Wall advised she is working with Durham Region Transit on the CNIB accessible transit advocacy campaign and asked Committee members to share this with their networks. The campaign is running from October 2 to 13, 2023 and invites Canadian's who are blind, partially sighted, and family members and caregivers for someone with sight loss, to report on the barriers they encounter when using public transit.

K. Wall advised that on October 4 or 5, 2023, Neisha Mitchell from CNIB is inviting people to ride along with officials on Durham Region Transit buses, and on October 12, 2023, CNIB will be discussing the shared experiences which will be used to consider pathways to future improvements.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

K. Wall advised that the Education Sub-Committee met in July and is looking for a Committee member to Chair the meetings.

K. Wall displayed an image of a draft Accessibility Advisory Committee pop-up banner that will be showcased at the Joint Forum on November 7, 2023.

The Committee provided their input on the Accessibility Advisory Committee pop-up banner with regards to the font size and colour; the use of the heart symbol and whether the word "heart" should be in text only; and the size of the banner.

K. Wall advised she would provide an alternative image of the pop-up banner following the meeting to Committee members for their review and comment.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The September 19, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen and W. Henshall was emailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

J. McEwen brought forward concerns that there was a lack of seat belts on the buses being contracted to Durham Region Transit. K. Wall advised she would follow up with Durham Region Transit staff.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

K. Wall advised that she has received nominations from each municipality for the Joint Forum Accessibility Awards with broad representation from the community of business owners, organizations, and outreach programs. The agenda will consist of keynote speaker Meenu Sikand, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Division, Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, and Canadian comedian Courtney Gilmour.

K. Wall asked Committee members for their suggestions on nominees for the Durham Accessibility Award for 2023 and it was the consensus of the Committee to nominate Doreen Hume-McKenna.

K. Wall also advised that the 2022 Accessibility Report is being presented to Regional Council on September 27, 2023 for approval.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

A) Future Agenda Item

D. Campbell requested that an Introduction of New Members be included on the November 28, 2023 Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Campbell, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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MINUTES

JOINT FORUM OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

A Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 6:43 PM. The event was livestreamed for Accessibility Advisory Committee members to view.

Present: Region of Durham AAC
Dawn Campbell, Whitby, Chair
Rosanne Purnwasie, Ajax, Vice-Chair
Priya Chandwani
Jim McEwen
Councillor McDougall, Regional Councillor
Allison Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Karen Wall, Accessibility Coordinator
Kaitlin Smith, Committee Clerk

Town of Ajax AAC
Rosanne Purnwasie
Sarah Moore, Accessibility Coordinator

Township of Brock AAC
Councillor Angela Canavan
Stefanie Stickwood, Acting Deputy Clerk

Municipality of Clarington AAC
Lesley Scherer, Chair
Sheikh Hossain
Sanja Wirch

City of Oshawa AAC
Steven Moenster, Chair
Julia McCrea, Vice-Chair
Gino Vendetti
Councillor Rosemary McConkey

City of Pickering AAC
Saima Fatima
Tammy Lyle-Gravlev
Carla Rudberg-Chin

Township of Scugog AAC
Ashley MacDougall, Accessibility Coordinator

Township of Uxbridge
Jodie Winnitoy, Chair
Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk

Town of Whitby AAC
Victoria Formusa
Colleen Haley
Liam Lacy
Michael Richards
Paul Scott

Other Attendees
Reagan Andrews
Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Judy Christianson
Natalie Dash
Regional Chair Henry
Patricia Hines
Sangeetah Pabla
Danielle Pineda
Danielle Wormald
James, Denise and Marlene, Canadian Hearing Services

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1. Land Acknowledgement

A. Hector-Alexander read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama. We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the large Métis communities and growing Inuit communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

2. Welcome/Opening Remarks

E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, welcomed everyone to the 19th Annual Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

E. Baxter-Trahair thanked all of the Accessibility Advisory Committee members across the Region for their dedicated volunteer work and leadership that has

helped municipal staff and Councils advocate for and implement change to improve lives for people with disabilities in our communities.

E. Baxter-Trahair thanked everyone involved in the planning and execution of the event and invited Karen Wall, Accessibility Coordinator to lead the program.

3. Keynote – Meenu Sikand

K. Wall introduced Meenu Sikand, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Division at the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. K. Wall stated that Meenu has been an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility champion for more than three decades dedicating her professional and personal life to advocating for the rights of people living with disabilities and those in marginalized communities at the local, national and international levels. She is the founder and CEO of Accessibility for All (AFA), is a well-respected mentor and coach in the South Asian community where she uses her privilege to amplify the voices of people with disabilities. She has received many accolades, including the Community Service Award from the Indo-Canada Chambers of Commerce, the 2020 Senior Executive of the Year award from the Canadian Center for Diversity & Inclusion and the Accessibility Champion Award for the Region of Peel in 2017 and in 2020, was the first South Asian woman inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.

M. Sikand welcomed the Accessibility Advisory Committee members across the Region and acknowledged their volunteer skills in guiding the leadership in how to make communities accessible.

M. Sikand stated that after many years of developing the framework for accessibility through policy, the multi-year plan and implementing the standards, she is encouraging committee members to focus on inclusion: inclusion of people with disabilities in communities, labour force, recreation activities, and everything communities have to offer.

M. Sikand stated that she has advocated for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) to be in line with each other. She challenged committee members that from 2025 forward, they focus on developing inclusive policies and creating an inclusive environment by looking at libraries, social housing, emergency services, parks and roads that are serving communities.

M. Sikand shared that at the Provincial level, the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility strives to assist seniors and people with disabilities to stay independent, active and socially connected. They are also helping seniors and people with disabilities to stay safe, making Ontario more accessible for everyone and promoting the benefits of diverse and accessible workplaces and communities where everyone is able to participate.

M. Sikand stated that there are more than 2.6 million people in Ontario with a disability with more than 40% of those people being over the age of 65. At the

Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, they are pushing the work by taking a whole government approach and embedding accessibility in all programs and services that the Ontario government offers.

M. Sikand stated that her division helps to create and update accessibility standards and is also a regulator which enforces compliance for organizations. The AODA's main goal is to achieve accessibility in Ontario by developing, implementing and enforcing the standards that are currently enacted. She advised that the fourth independent legislative review of the AODA has been submitted to the Minister and will be available to the public once it has been presented to the legislative assembly. They are also working with Ontario businesses to ensure compliance with the requirements by focusing on the benefits of providing goods and services in an accessible manner. They provide advice and support to municipalities, community partners and the business community through regular engagement and the AODA toolbox.

M. Sikand stated that 2023 is the year that all organizations must submit an accessibility compliance report. She advised that accessibility is an evolving journey and to strive for improved accessibility and inclusion by creating a province where everyone feels included. Beyond 2025 and looking ahead to the long-term, the plan is to look at a comprehensive plan of action for people with disabilities with realistic and impactful actions in key areas.

M. Sikand thanked everyone for being invited to join the event and offered congratulations to the award recipients.

K. Wall thanked M. Sikand for sharing her passion, experience and knowledge, both personally and professionally, to focus our attention on how to do our part as accessibility and disability advocates.

4. Accessibility Awards Presentation

K. Wall stated that each year the Regional Municipality of Durham recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations that have improved accessibility in their community, and that nominations for the Awards are made by the local Accessibility Advisory Committees of the municipalities within Durham Region. K. Wall stated that improving accessibility throughout the Region is critical to building a healthy, inclusive and age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair joined K. Wall to present the awards and thank each recipient.

Township of Brock – St. Joseph's Parish

St. Joseph's Parish in Beaverton works to ensure that all persons within the community are aware of their responsibilities to foster an accessible and inclusive environment for persons with disabilities. To ensure greater awareness and

responsiveness to the needs of a person with disabilities, the Archdiocese provides training for clergy, staff and volunteers who provide pastoral care or service to parishioners or members of the parish. St. Joseph's Parish recently underwent a one-million-dollar renovation to bring accessibility to its parishioners and visitors. This renovation included large accessible entrance doors that lead to an elevator, allowing visitors of all abilities to access the chapel, and an accessible washroom, and a new reception hall area with a modern kitchen. These renovations have incorporated the needs of everyone in the community and improved access to all areas of the Church.

Reverend Oswin Fernandes of St. Joseph's Parish accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Township of Uxbridge – Precious Minds Support Services

Precious Minds has been serving the North Durham community since 1999 in their dedication to supporting children, youth and young adults with disabilities. They creatively analyze barriers and develop programs to overcome those barriers and nurture a respectful and welcoming environment for their program participants. The Skills for Life Adult Day Program, Precious Minds Summer Camp and Parkside Café have created places for young adults to enjoy recreational activities, build social connections, strengthen independent living skills, and prepare for meaningful employment. Precious Minds runs a very successful summer camp that includes children with numerous diagnoses and challenges in a supportive, comprehensive and respectful manner. Their eight-week pilot project this summer, Parkside Café, worked alongside participants to provide an individualized approach to teaching important workplace skills.

Chas Harding, Executive Director of Precious Minds Support Services accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Pickering – Tammy Lyle-Gravlev

Tammy Lyle-Gravlev has been a long-time representative of the Pickering Football Club and a long-time member of the Pickering Accessibility Advisory Committee. She has generously provided unique accessibility expertise and energetic leadership to the Pickering and Durham communities. She is a dynamic and dedicated professional with an extensive track record spanning more than twenty-five years in the fields of Sport Administration, Therapeutic Recreation, and Special Events Coordination. Her passion for sports extends beyond the competitive arena. Her advocacy has driven her to collaborate with various stakeholders such as the Pickering Accessibility Advisory Committee, to create opportunities for people of all abilities, ages and backgrounds to engage in sports and recreation. She has designed and implemented therapeutic programs that prioritize the well-being and holistic development of participants. These programs

have not only provided enjoyable and fulfilling experiences but have also contributed to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of individuals.

Tammy Lyle-Gravlev accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Municipality of Clarington – Newcastle Griddle

Karan Sinna and his team are committed to providing heartfelt service and friendly greetings as they serve delicious food within an inviting dining atmosphere. They provide exceptional inclusive customer service for people with disabilities. Their commitment to creating a community meeting place where everyone is welcome is evident in their recent upgrades which include an accessible patio, ramp and accessible washroom.

Karan Sinna, owner of Newcastle Griddle, accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Oshawa – David McKay

Over the past ten years David McKay has served as the Chair of the Communications Sub Committee and Vice Chair of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee. During his tenure as Chair of the Communications Sub Committee, he was instrumental in the creation of a series of social media messages that increased accessibility awareness. He played a key role in the employment of people with disabilities through his work as an Employment Councillor with the Durham Region Unemployment Help Centre. He is a champion for accessibility and works diligently to ensure the independence and full participation of people with disabilities.

David McKay was not in attendance to accept the award.

Township of Scugog – The Piano Inn Café

Christy Stone-Curry, owner of The Piano Inn and Café in Port Perry and her team are dedicated to ensuring their patrons can easily access their welcoming café environment. They have achieved this through the following recent installations to their historic building: a front doorbell to notify staff when patrons require assistance, entrance and bathroom handrails, a Braille menu, and accessible chairs. They consider a broad range of needs in their community and create a place that welcomes everyone. They ensure patrons of all abilities can access their goods and services.

Christy Stone-Curry, owner of Piano Inn and Café, was not in attendance to accept the award.

Town of Whitby – Melly’s Workplace, Café and Marketplace

Ellen McRae, Director of Melly’s Workplace, Market and Café and her team create a culture of inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a workplace, café and market that recognizes talent and inspires community. The workplace advances opportunities and empowers the dreams and careers of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They train adults with disabilities to work in the food service and retail industry with the goal of competitive employment and help improve the lives and support networks for everyone who lives and works in Durham Region.

Ellen McRae, Director of Melly’s Workplace, Market and Café, accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Town of Ajax – Community Living Ajax-Pickering-Whitby Supported Employment Program

Community Living Ajax-Pickering-Whitby has been providing professional employment support to the community since 1985 removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities. Their program helps to make independence possible for people with developmental disabilities, so they may live full lives and be fully supported in their own communities. Their philosophy of community integration helped achieve the hiring of three Community Living - Ajax Pickering and Whitby participants by the Town of Ajax as Election Officers for the 2022 Municipal and School Board election. These participants were further supported throughout election officer training and on Election Day by Community Living Ajax-Pickering-Whitby Supported Employment Program staff. The Town valued the opportunity to make the election officer recruitment and training process more inclusive and to actively engage program participants in the electoral process. The Town of Ajax was also very pleased to successfully appoint a program participant as a new Member to their Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Siobhan Pearce and Erik Smigielski of Community Living Ajax-Pickering-Whitby Supported Employment Program, accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Durham Region – Doreen Hume-McKenna

Doreen Hume-McKenna worked out of the Back Door Mission as a Regional Housing Coordinator with Durham Mental Health Services and was an active member of the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee from 2019 to 2023. Her unique and gracious perspective was especially helpful to achieve the mandate of the AAC. Doreen initiated and distributed weekly the COVID-19 Service Update sharing crucial information with a wide range of partners serving people who were increasingly vulnerable to access care and connections. She volunteered on the Board of the Grandview Children’s Centre for eight years and

was Chair for two of the five years she was on the Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services Board. Her work focused on accessible outreach and collaboration to meet the unique and complex needs of people who live with mental illness, addictions or street engaged and living unsheltered in Durham Region.

Doreen Hume-McKenna accepted the award and congratulations from R. Purnwasie, Chair and D. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

5. Remarks

Regional Chair Henry thanked the organizers, Chair and Vice-Chair, and all AAC members throughout the Region. He also thanked all the recipients for their dedicated initiatives that are removing barriers and making the Region more accessible for people of all abilities. He also acknowledged local Oshawa Councillor Rosemary McConkey and Regional Councillor Ian McDougall who were in attendance at the event.

6. Entertainer – Courtney Gilmour, Stand-up Comedian

K. Wall introduced Courtney Gilmour. She stated that Courtney is a JUNO nominated stand-up comedian, television writer, and finalist on Canada's Got Talent. She is one of Canada's most unique voices and sought after comedy talents, named by NOW Magazine as "one of the top 10 stage artists to watch". She delivered a breakout performance at the 2017 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal by winning the Homegrown Comics Competition and filming a set for Kevin Hart's LOL Network. Her solo Fringe show "Congratulations! Stories of Achievement, Embarrassment, & Self-Worth" debuted at the Toronto Fringe Festival in summer 2019. She has written for and made appearances on This Hour Has 22 Minutes, CBC's The Debaters, Space Dragon & Kim, and CBC'S Humour Resources alongside Jon Dore and Sarah Silverman, and most recently she can be seen on two episodes of CTV Comedy's Roast Battle Canada. In 2022, Courtney competed in the second season of Canada's Got Talent, during her semi-finals performance she got the judges' vote to go straight to the finals as one of the top 8. Her debut stand-up album "Let Me Hold Your Baby" was released under Comedy Records in 2022 and was nominated for a JUNO award in 2023 for Comedy Album Of The Year.

C. Gilmour thanked everyone for welcoming her to the event and offered congratulations to the award recipients. She also thanked the American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for being in attendance.

C. Gilmour provided a stand-up comedy presentation to those in attendance at the event and highlighted her love for being part of the disability community and her personal lived experiences with a disability.

A. Hector-Alexander thanked C. Gilmour for her hilarious and insightful presentation.

7. Closing Remarks

A. Hector-Alexander recognized the Accessibility Advisory Committee volunteers for the time, commitment, dedication and leadership they provide to municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM