



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The Committee met at 7:00 p.m. at the Edelbrock Centre, Edelbrock Room, 30 Centre St, Orangeville.

Members Present: Sean Johnson
Trevor Lewis
David Vahey

Staff Present: Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
Kareem Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Coordinator

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

REPORTS

1. ACCESS DUFFERIN – June 21, 2023 – ITEM #1
County Services vs Local Services

Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk, provided a brief overview of the services provided at the County level and services provided through the local municipalities.

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – June 21, 2023 – ITEM #2
Overview of People & Equity Department

Kareema Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, provided an overview of the People & Equity Department at the County of Dufferin. The People & Equity Department includes the following functions:

- health and safety,
- human resources,
- organizational learning and development, and
- diversity, equity, and inclusion.

3. ACCESS DUFFERIN – June 21, 2023 – ITEM #3
Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the current draft Terms of Reference. No changes were recommended by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee selected Sean Johnson as Chair.

David Vahey noted the Federal government currently has project funding available and he would like to see the Committee champion funding under the Youth Innovation Component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund. The Deputy Clerk suggested that the information be shared on the County's social media platforms.

The following projects will be presented to the Committee for their feedback over the next few months:

- Dufferin County Forest and Rail Trail
- Municipal Comprehensive Review – Phase II (Maps & Schedules) and Phase III (Policy Review)
 - Information on upcoming public information sessions will be circulated to the Committee
- Dufferin County website

It was also suggested that all County departments could provide an overview of their functions to the Committee.

The Committee inquired if the accessible parking spaces at the Edelbrock Centre were designed to code. It was noted that the pavement markings are faded and that there are

no signposts. Staff will follow up with Facilities and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Respectfully submitted,

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Kareem Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator