



ACCESS DUFFERIN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 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 (Chair)
Trevor Lewis
David Vahey

Staff Present: Scott Martin, Operations Manager
Caroline Mach, Forest Manager
Kareem Sookdeo, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator
Michelle Hargrave, Administrative Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 – July 19, 2023 – ITEM #1
Dufferin Rail Trail

Scott Martin, Operations Manager, provided a verbal report on the plan for the resurfacing of the Dufferin Rail Trail. The Rail Trail will be resurfaced from Orangeville to south of Dundalk. Locally sourced gravel screenings will be used for the resurfacing, as they have a high fracture rate and will pack into a relatively hard

and stable surface. The screenings will be approximately 6 inches thick spanning the full width of the trail. It will be packed down using a packer. It was noted that it will be accessible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The trail is relatively level and has minimal slope change.

A section from Highway 89 northwards to 4th line in Melancthon was resurfaced last year. The gravel screenings have held up well and stayed well packed.

New signage will be installed along the Rail Trail. Dufferin County will work with Grey County to ensure the different County signs complement each other.

2. ACCESS DUFFERIN – July 19, 2023 – ITEM #2
Edelbrock Parking Lot Update

Michelle Hargrave provided an update from the Facilities Manager regarding the plans for the Edelbrock Centre and other County parking lots.

A tender closed July 13, 2023 that includes several levels of parking lot work, including assessment of the number, location, marking, etc. of accessible parking spaces. The original project included 43 Bythia Street and 40 Lawrence Avenue in Orangeville, 207 William Street and 227 William Street in Shelburne, Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home and the Mel Lloyd Centre. Triton Engineering is the Consulting firm that has developed the scope of work and will be assisting with the accessibility review of the following additional parking lots, 54 Lawrence Avenue and 30 Centre Street in Orangeville and the Museum of Dufferin.

Parking lot rehabilitation work is expected to commence in early August.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the concern regarding the use of e-scooters in public areas. David noted the AODA Alliance and numerous other organizations have requested the City of Toronto to uphold its ban on riding electric scooters in public. The Committee noted e-scooters are very quiet, presenting a risk for visually impaired people. E-scooters are also able to travel at a high rate of speed, increasing the risk of collisions between the scooters and vulnerable people with disabilities or seniors who cannot move as quickly to avoid them.

To date, none of the Dufferin County municipalities have passed a by-law restricting the use of e-scooters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Respectfully submitted,

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Sean Johnson, Chair