



Corporation of the County of Wellington

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 1, 2025

Wellington County Museum and Archives
Nicholas Keith Room

Present:	Councillor Matthew Bulmer (Chair) Marni Claridge Robin Fletcher Heather Small Gerald Townsend
Regrets:	Bethany Parkinson Lorri Wright
Staff:	Jennifer Adams, County Clerk Kasey Beirnes, Manager of Buildings and Properties, Township of Centre Wellington Melissa Biffis, Manager of Community Programming, Guelph/Eramosa Township Nicole Cardow, Deputy Clerk Monika Farncombe, Legislative Assistant, Township of Puslinch Justin Grainger, Deputy Clerk, Town of Erin Hailey Johnston, Curator, WCMA Devlin Schellenberger, Legislative Coordinator, Township of Centre Wellington Larry Wheeler, Clerk, Township of Mapleton

1. Call to Order

At 1:30pm, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Committee Membership Update

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee welcomed Marni Claridge, who will now be representing the Town of Erin on the committee.

The committee was also notified that Town of Minto representative, Giverny Parent has resigned from the committee. The Town of Minto will be notified of the vacancy and the need to fill the vacancy.

Monika Farncombe, Legislative Coordinator, Township of Puslinch notified the committee that despite promoting the position on social media, and through advertisement on their website and through newspaper ad, they have been unable to fill the vacant position for a JACC member. Puslinch will continue to pursue filling this position.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by: Gerald Townsend

Seconded by: Heather Small

That the Minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting be received for information.

Carried

5. Information Items

4.1 Schedule of Reporting

4.2 FADM Update - Verbal

Chair Matthew Bulmer gave an update to the Committee regarding the recent meeting of the FADM Working group, which is made up of Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee members, Wellington County staff, as well as local municipal CBO's and the Wellington County Construction Manager. The next meeting will be planned in the upcoming weeks and will seek to invite staff from Municipal Planning departments, as well as Parks and Rec departmental staff.

6. Items for Review and Comment

5.1 Museum Children's Space - County of Wellington

Hailey Johnston, Museum Curator, presented to the committee the plans for the new Children's space at the Wellington County Museum and Archives. The space will be composed of various play areas including a play tree house, a play river with canoe and campfire, along with a stage.

The committee gave feedback that included ensuring the play structure would be inclusive for those with varying abilities, to use materials of different textures of hard and soft material, to ensure that tent's being used be large enough to accommodate walkers of wheelchairs. It was also suggested that ties to Indigenous and museum grounds be tied into the space, and possible floor projectors be used for interactive space.

5.2 County Garage Projects - County of Wellington

Jennifer Adams, County Clerk, informed the Committee that the County of Wellington is in very early stages of re-doing the Erin County Garage. More information will be coming forward as construction of this project moves closer.

5.3 Belwood Community Centre - Township of Centre Wellington

Kasey Beirnes, Manager of Buildings and Properties, Township of Centre Wellington, presented the new renovation plan for the Belwood Community Centre. Construction of the Community Centre will begin in September 2025.

The committee commented that contrasting colours are recommended in the washrooms for perceptual variation, and a hearing loop system that automatically connects would be beneficial for those hearing impaired.

5.4 Rockmosa Park Playground Expansion Project - Township of Guelph/Eramosa

Melissa Biffis, Manager of Community Programming, Township of Guelph/Eramosa, presented the plan for the expansion of the Rockmosa Park Playground. The playground will have a new accessible play structure, rubberized ground surfacing, inclusive design and safety features.

The committee commented on how inclusive this project looked.

7. Adjournment

At 2:38pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until September 4, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Matthew Bulmer

Chair

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