

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Municipal Office

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AAC Minutes dated August 21, 2019

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D. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / TOURS

1. Pakenham Trail Working Group
Re: Proposed Margie Argue Trail in Pakenham

Pages 4-18

Recommendation:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the Margie Argue Trail Project as presented.

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

F. ROUND TABLE

G. REPORTS

H. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility
Re: Notice of Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase
Webinar of September 25, 2019 2:00 – 3:30

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I. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS - None

J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A meeting of the **Mississippi Mills Accessibility Advisory Committee** was held on **Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Office.

PRESENT:

Committee: Araina Clark
Betty Preston
Claire Marson
Jim Lowry
Kristen Cavanagh-Ray
Myrna Blair
Councillor Cynthia Guerard

Staff/Others: Jeanne Harfield, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Paul Crozier

Chairperson Betty Preston called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Araina Clark
Seconded by Claire Marson
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / TOURS

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Claire Marson
Seconded by Jim Lowry
THAT the minutes dated June 19, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

1. Accessible Apps

The Committee reviewed the memo and opted to promote app. Promotion ideas include: highlighting at business breakfasts, include as part of National Access Awareness Week, add it as part of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – use of technology.

2. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Outline

The Clerk presented the outline and members discussed options to include in the draft report, the Clerk will bring back a draft report for members to review and provide input.

F. **ROUND TABLE**

Cynthia – September 9th Pakenham bump-outs public meeting

Betty – role of AAC and review of roadwork

G. **REPORTS**

None

H. **INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

I. **OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

None

J. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 18, 2019 @ 3:00pm

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jim Lowry
Seconded by Councillor Guerard
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Jeanne Harfield, Acting Clerk
Recording Secretary

Pakenham's Margie Argue Trail

A safe, non-motorized, community loop trail of the hamlet of Pakenham



Presentation of the Pakenham Trail Working Group to the Mississippi Mills Accessibility Advisory Committee, September 18, 2019 3pm

How did we get started developing the Pakenham Trail?

The development of different trails in and around the hamlet of Pakenham have been discussed over the years. In recent years...

- “Bridging Generations” hosted a series of community conversations in early 2016 focussed on intergenerational issues with a keen emphasis on what seniors need to stay in Pakenham and be active participants in their community
- OMAFRA FICE Report
“The river is a couple blocks from main street and yet aside from the bridge there’s little evidence of this being a river town. No boats, worms for sale, beach signs, docking signs.”

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BRIDGING GENERATIONS

A SENIORS FORUM IN PAKENHAM



Please join us for a free lunch and community conversation

Sunday, February 7, 12:30pm - 4pm
Pakenham Public School

*For catering purposes
please RSVP by Feb 1st to Brenda Hurrle.*

Transportation is available

613-624-5600 or bh@myhighspeed.ca

Our supporting partners are:

Mills Community Support, Pakenham Civitan Club, Community Home Support Lanark County,
Mississippi Mills Chamber of Commerce, Town of Mississippi Mills,
Pakenham Senior Citizens Club 264, Pakenham Public School

The report from the Bridging Generations sessions recommended –

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

7) Increase pedestrian access and safety in the hamlet of Pakenham

Develop walking trails in and around the hamlet of Pakenham to provide opportunities to be more active while providing safe pedestrian access to the hamlet from the Five Arches Apartments and Golf Course Estates as well as safe crossing of the highway.

This recommendation was taken to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and from there onto council who passed the following motion...

November 7, 2017:

Resolution No. 574-17

Moved by Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded by Councillor McCubbin

THAT Council support a working group, with Jeff Mills as the lead, to develop a plan for a trail system in and around the hamlet of Pakenham.

CARRIED



Progress to date

- Team membership since June 2018: Toby Barratt, Jeff Mills, Doris Rankin, Calvin Murphy, Denny Ferguson, Jannine Atkinson, Danyelle Bourret, Duncan Abbott

The committee has worked closely with the town planner and former junior planner to develop the route.
(Approximately 2 kilometers)

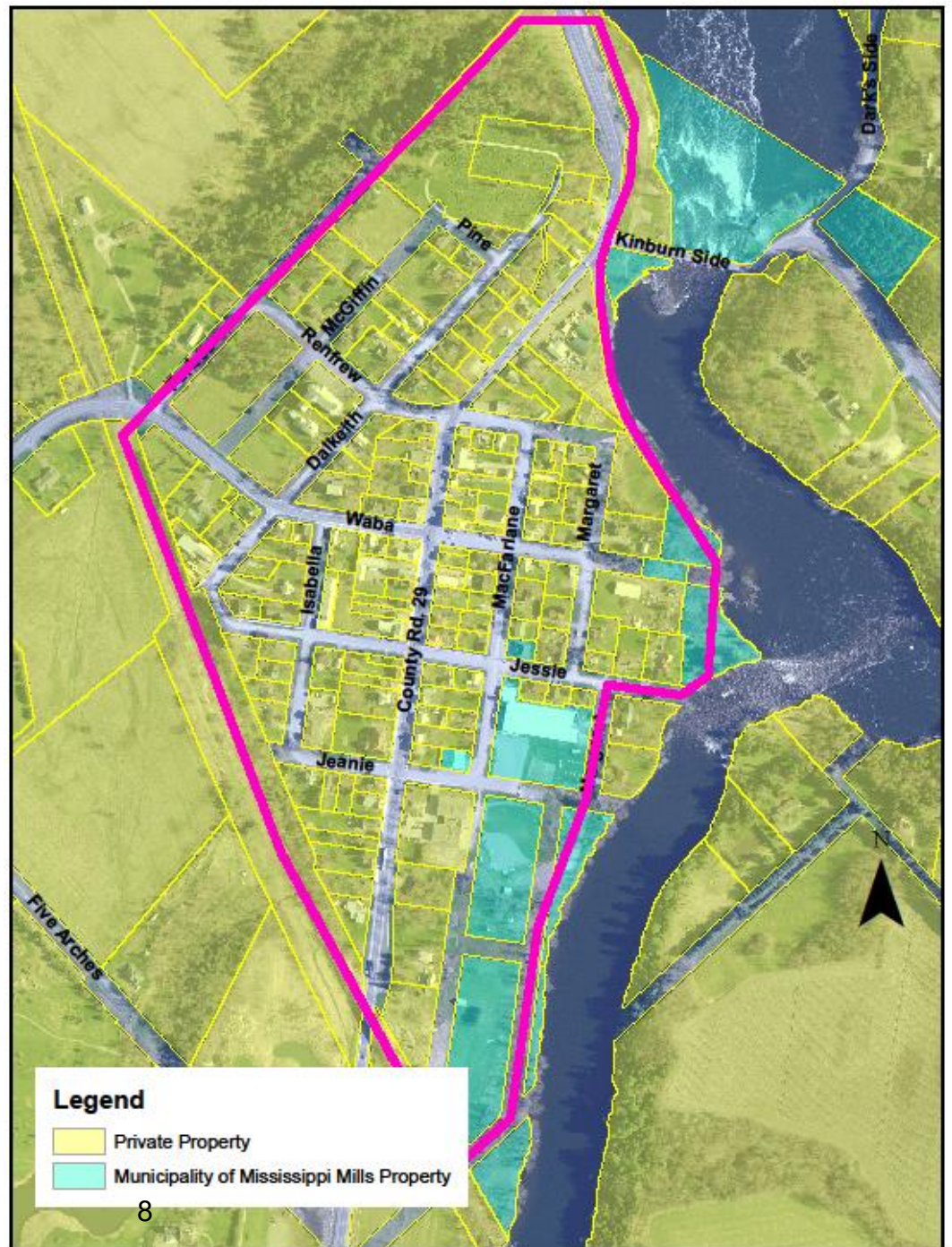
The route was agreed upon by our working group

It uses existing assets

- Town land along the river
- MTO Park
- Town streets
- Fred Miller Park
- Pakenham Beach
- Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail

And has access points at:

- Fred Millar Park
- Jeanie St
- Waba Rd
- Renfrew St
- County Rd 29



Accessibility



- We've had two committee walk-about to assess the route with positive discussion with some trail neighbours
- We recognize that the whole trail can't be made accessible but we will make accessibility a consideration wherever possible
- The section that follows the river can have accessible access and a look-out



Approach to Meeting Accessibility

- Minimum effort is not acceptable or adequate in addressing accessibility.
- Accessibility work-arounds, including alternate access routes are acceptable, provided a similar/equitable experience is provided.
- Accessibility signage must be installed at key points.
- Our Table implements this approach.

This slide is from the Almonte River Walk Committee regarding the Coleman Island Trail and Worker's Stairs

Compliance Table Margie Argue Trail Pakenham ON (Ontario Regulation 191/11)

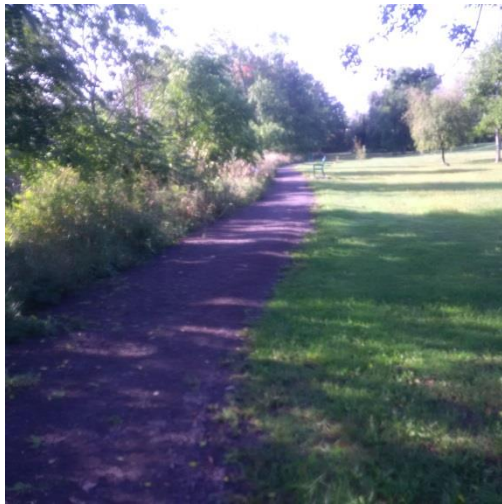
Location:	Accessible:	Accessible By:
Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail OVRT (Fred Miller Park to Waba Road)	Yes	Completed Compacted Stone Dust Trail with access from Waba Road. Potential for an accessible entrance at Jeanie St.
OVRT Waba Road to Forbes Street to the Cemetery Entrance	Yes	Paved level streets (no sidewalks)
Cemetery Ravine 5 Arches Park on the water front	No	Steep woodland trail Following O. Reg. 191/11, 80.6 Standard does not apply to “Wilderness Trails, back country trails, portage route” 80.15 Exception 6, No Practical due to physical or site constraints
5 Arches Park to River Walk Look Out at upper falls on the Mississippi River	Yes	This section along the Mississippi River “Pakenham’s River Walk” will be fully accessible with an accessible boardwalk and lookout
River Walk Lookout to Jessie Street to Margaret Street to Fred Millar Park Trail	Yes	Paved level streets (no sidewalks) to stone dust level walk way in Fred Millar Park
Fred Millar Park Trail to OVRT	No	Steep Embankment to OVRT rail bed Following O. Reg. 191/11, 80.15 exception 6 - not practicable due to physical or site constraints



From the Pakenham Beach toward
the Riverwalk Lookout



View from the 5 Arch Stone Bridge toward the Upper
Falls



Fred Millar Park Trail



Community Partners

- Our approach is to engage community partners in a phased in approach.
- This approach will help keep the project affordable with good community buy in. Our conversations to date show that people want the trail and will help.

St. Andrews United Church

- St Andrews United Church in Pakenham has agreed in principle to work with the Town providing us with a route on their land behind their cemetery.
- Woodland section – wildlife, steeper grade, natural forested setting



Mississippi Valley Conservation

Walkabout with MVCA determined a walkway is possible along the Mississippi River.

A 'price per foot' for marsh walkways is being determined by MVC site Ross Fergusson



Thomas Cavanagh Construction

We've met with Dale Downey, General Manager at Cavanagh Construction and he has offered Cavanagh's help stating, "we are all in!"



Our approach is to leverage the help of Community Partners



Suggested Next Steps for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

- Incorporate this trail into the Parks and Rec Department's work plan as the municipality's next trail development project and work in collaboration with our working group.
- Approve the trail route and name
- Follow up with a formal usage agreement with St. Andrew's United Church
- Survey the parts—
 - along the river from the bridge to the upper falls
 - behind the cemetery,
 - where Fred Miller Park borders the OVRT
- Ear mark funding from the Parks and Rec trail development account
- Help develop a concept drawing/routing map

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Please consider supporting Pakenham's Margie Argue Trail with a motion to council. A suggested motion could read,

“THAT The Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the Margie Argue Trail Project as presented.”

With thanks!

Questions?

Jeanne Harfield

From: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility <aoda.events@ontario.ca>
Sent: September 10, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Jeanne Harfield
Subject: Notice of Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase/Avis de présentation de projets innovateurs axés sur l'accessibilité

Le message en français suit le message en anglais

RE: Notice of Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase

As a continuation of our Accessibility Advisory Committee outreach strategy, the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility is pleased to offer an opportunity for Accessibility Advisory Committees, accessibility coordinators, and municipalities to share their experiences and the innovative ways they have implemented accessibility throughout their communities.

Participants from across Ontario have volunteered to provide a short overview of their projects and some of their best practices, including accessible recreation initiatives, local business initiatives, public education and awareness campaigns, and more.

The English webinar is scheduled for:

- **September 25, 2019 (2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)**

The French webinar is scheduled for:

- **October 2, 2019 (2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)**

We would like to ensure that every individual who is interested in attending this showcase webinar will have an opportunity to do so. With this in mind, and due to software limitations regarding the number of attendees, we encourage your cooperation in gathering interested participants in one room and logging in using a **single Adobe Connect account**.

For the English webinar please register yourself or your group using the following [Eventbrite link: www.eventbrite.ca/e/innovative-accessibility-projects-showcase-english-tickets-72069645249](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/innovative-accessibility-projects-showcase-english-tickets-72069645249)

For the French webinar please register yourself or your group using the following [Eventbrite link: www.eventbrite.ca/e/inscription-presentation-de-projets-innovateurs-axes-sur-laccessibilite-72272275321](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/inscription-presentation-de-projets-innovateurs-axes-sur-laccessibilite-72272275321)

Registered participants will receive an Adobe Connect meeting link in advance of the session. Webinar materials will be available in both French and English and can be requested following the completion of the webinar series.

If you have any specific webinar questions, have accommodation needs, or require materials in an alternate format, please feel free to reach out to the ministry directly by contacting Tea Pesheva at tea.pesheva@ontario.ca. Alternatively, my colleague Kathleen Ryan (416-325-9714) is also available to answer any of your questions in French or in English.

We continue to encourage committee members and municipal staff to access “Making Accessibility Happen – Your guide to serving on the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee” for more information relevant to the roles and responsibilities of committee members. You can access an html version of the guide at: [How to serve on a municipal accessibility advisory committee: Guide](#).

Thank you and we look forward to your participation!

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OBJET : Avis de présentation de projets innovateurs axés sur l’accessibilité

Dans le cadre de sa stratégie de liaison avec les comités consultatifs de l’accessibilité (CCA), le ministère des Services aux aînés et de l’Accessibilité est heureux d’offrir aux membres des CCA, aux coordonnatrices et coordonnateurs de l’information sur l’accessibilité ainsi qu’aux employées et employés municipaux l’occasion de mettre en commun leurs expériences et idées novatrices en matière de renforcement de l’accessibilité dans leur collectivité.

Des participantes et participants des quatre coins de l’Ontario se sont portés volontaires pour donner un aperçu de leurs projets axés sur l’accessibilité et de quelques-unes de leurs meilleures pratiques en la matière, incluant des programmes de loisirs, des initiatives d’affaires locales, des campagnes de sensibilisation et d’information du public, et plus encore.

Le webinaire en anglais est prévu :

- **le 25 septembre 2019 (de 14 h à 15 h 30).**

Le webinaire en français est prévu :

- **le 2 octobre 2019 (de 14 h à 15 h 30).**

Le ministère souhaite s’assurer que toutes les personnes qui veulent assister à ce webinaire de présentation ont la possibilité de le faire. Par conséquent, et en raison des limites du logiciel pour ce qui est du nombre de personnes participantes, le ministère vous encourage à réunir toutes les personnes intéressées dans une salle et à ouvrir une session en utilisant un **compte unique Adobe Connect**.

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Les participantes et participants inscrits recevront un lien d'accès à la réunion Adobe Connect avant la date et l'heure prévues de celle-ci. Les documents se rapportant aux webinaires seront disponibles en français et en anglais, et il sera possible d'en faire la demande lorsque les webinaires seront terminés.

Si vous avez des questions particulières concernant l'un ou l'autre des webinaires, que vous avez des besoins en matière d'adaptation ou que vous voulez avoir accès aux documents en format de substitution, n'hésitez pas à joindre directement le ministère en communiquant avec Tea Pesheva à l'adresse tea.pesheva@ontario.ca ou avec sa collègue Kathleen Ryan (416 325-9714) qui pourra, en outre, répondre à vos questions en français ou en anglais.

Le ministère invite les membres de comités et le personnel municipal à consulter le document intitulé « Franchir l'accessibilité : Votre guide pour siéger à un comité consultatif de l'accessibilité municipal » afin d'obtenir d'autres renseignements pertinents sur les rôles et responsabilités des membres des comités. Le guide est également disponible en format html : [Comment siéger à un comité consultatif de l'accessibilité municipal : Guide](#).

Le ministère vous remercie et compte sur votre participation!

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