

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

**December 17, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:** Barry Martin, Chair, Brian Lynch, Tammy Mok, Robert Hunn, Jewell Lofsky, Laura Meffen, and Councillor Keith Irish

**Staff Present:** Cheryl McConney-Wilson , and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets:** Wanda Wright , Arlene Juanillo, Councillor Karen Rea, and Jaqueline Bell

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:12 pm with Barry Martin presiding as Chair.	
<b>2. Minutes</b>	Moved by Brian Lynch Seconded by Laura Meffen  That the November 19, and December 17, 2018 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented.  Carried	
<b>3. Accessibility Fair</b>	The Committee brainstormed ideas for the 2019 Accessibility Fair or a variation of the fair. It provided the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holding a speaker series;</li><li>• Educating people with disabilities and families with a disabled child about the disability tax credit;</li><li>• Hosting a video contest on what accessibility means to you;</li><li>• Educating/raising awareness about disability;</li><li>• Holding the fair during National Disability Awareness Month or on another key day that recognizes disabilities;</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run the campaign mostly virtually, but also with a daily educational display in the Great Hall at Civic Centre;</li> <li>• Create a flyer with the accessible services available in Markham;</li> <li>• Having a booth promoting the Committee at key Markham events;</li> <li>• Focus on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation (Mobility Plus, Viva, accessible taxis, and personal accessible vehicle options)</li> <li>○ Accessible Technology (including apps that help people with a disability)</li> <li>○ Promoting Markham’s accessible programs/ facilities (buildings, services, parks, trails and recreation)</li> <li>○ Educating people with disabilities or who are newly disabled on how to get help in the short term and in the long term, including finding personal support workers, finding nurses and other health services, getting mobility aids, on renovating/adapting their home, understanding applicable accessibility legislation and on their rights);</li> <li>○ Accessible recreational programs in Markham;</li> <li>○ Celebrating accessibility in Markham;</li> <li>○ Accessible parking (educating the public on who qualifies for accessible parking, and on the number of disabled parking spots businesses/other organizations have to provide);</li> <li>○ Accessible buildings (educating the public on accessible building standards, for example, the width an accessible door needs to be and on ramps, and on the legislation that is coming into effect in 2025 to make building more accessible)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>4. New Business</b>	<p><u>Members that do not Attend Meetings</u></p> <p>Committee suggested finding ways for members unable to attend meetings due to their disability with ways to participate remotely (e.g. providing them with work they can do from home). Members that do not attend meetings and that do not have a good reason for not attending meetings should be removed from the Committee.</p>	

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5. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:54 pm.	