

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

April 17, 2019

Ontario Room

5:00 PM

Attendance:

Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Laura Meffren, Brian Lynch, George George, Valerie Kitazaki, Meenu Khanan, Kaushi Ragunathan, Elaine Vollett, Anna Giallonardo, Rita Lam, Nahid Verma, Jewell Lofsky, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:03 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.	
2. Orientation	<p>Committee welcomed the new Members. Each Member of the Committee briefly introduced themselves.</p> <p>A video was displayed on accessibility and York Region.</p> <p>The Committee will continue with its orientation at its next meeting.</p>	
3. Children's Network Presentation	<p>Christina Co from the Children's Network was in attendance to provide a presentation on the services they provide.</p> <p>Members provided the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested there is a lack of programs for adults with a disability (most of the existing programs focus on youth or seniors);• Suggested coffee chats should be held on different days and times so that more people can participate.	
4. Business Plan	<p>Committee reviewed the draft business plan and was asked to think about which items it would like to focus on in 2019 and beyond.</p> <p>Committee agreed to continue its review of the business plan at its next meeting.</p>	Continue review of the Committee's Business Plan at the next meeting – Committee
5. Accessibility Award	Committee was advised that the Accessibility Award Form has been updated. The video of the Mayor promoting the award will be re-used, as it does not reference any dates. The website will be updated prior to the next meeting.	

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	<p>The Committee was encouraged to think about businesses, and individuals to nominate for the award.</p> <p>The winners will be awarded in the fall at the Community Recognition Night.</p>	
6. New Business	<p><u>Agenda Format</u> There was a brief discussion on the agenda and minute format. On a go forward basis the agenda and minutes will be circulated in their regular format and also in a larger font for accessibility purposes.</p> <p><u>March of Dimes</u> Committee discussed the possibility of having the March of Dimes come speak at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Circulate agenda and minutes in their regular format and in a larger font – Laura Gold and Grace Lombardi</p>
7. Adjournment	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 7:00 pm.</p>	