

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

March 18th, 2019

5:00 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Brian Lynch, Laura Meffren and Jewell Lofsky

Staff Present: Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

Regrets: Arlene Juanillo

Item	Discussion
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:06 pm with Barry Martin presiding as Chair.
2. Minutes	Moved by Brian Lynch Seconded by Robert Hunn That the December 17, 2018 and January 21, 2019 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. Carried
3. New Business	<u>Event Planning 2019</u> The Committee brainstormed the following ideas with respect to events for 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Markham Fair<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Joining with the Seniors Advisory Committee to have a booth at the Markham Fair in October to educate/raise awareness about disabilities;○ Conducting an audit at the Markham Fair (e.g. does it have accessible picnic tables?)○ Possibly having a Committee Member sit on the Markham Fair Board (if possible);

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having a representative from the Markham Fair attend an Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting to discuss the accessibility of the fair. ● International Day of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations) Dec 3rd event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proclaiming the day and having a flag raising ceremony; ○ Inviting a speaker to speak at the event about a specific type of disability (then next year inviting a speaker to speak about a different type of disability). <p>Committee Members requested that the minutes from the meetings be distributed a week after the meeting to have consistent interaction and discussions via email prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Barry Martin will speak to the York Region Advisory Committee on Accessibility about solutions to make crosswalks in Markham more accessible (e.g. providing persons with a disability with a fob they can press to make the light change).</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Children’s Treatment Network will be in attendance at the April meeting to speak about children with disabilities,
<p>4. Action Items</p>	<p>The following Action items are to be gathered for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accessibility Award ○ Clerk to provide updated form; ○ Members to come up with ideas on how to promote the award; ○ Members are to think of people to nominate for the award (people with disabilities, businesses and caregivers/persons supporting a person with a disability); ○ Clerk to speak with the City of Markham’s Communication Department regarding the promotion of the Accessibility Award; ○ Clerk to request a representative from the City’s Corporate Communications Department to attend a future meeting. ○ Markham Fair ○ Clerk to find out pricing for the Markham Fair booths.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Community Recognition night ○ Clerk to find out the date of the Fall Community Recognition night; ○ Other ○ Clerk to look at the City of Markham events for the 2019 year; ○ Committee Members to think of ideas that could help businesses fund accessibility improvements and to communicate their ideas via email before next meeting; ○ Barry Martin to ask if a representative from York Region Police could attend a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting; ○ Each Member is to provide five places they have been to in the community that require an accessibility audit and report back at the next meeting; ○ Committee to provide Clerk with a list of speakers they would like to have attend future Advisory Committee on Accessibility meetings. <p>The following Action items are to take place over the next couple of months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updating the Advisory Committee on Accessibility Term of Reference; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making it clearer that the Committee's mandate is to remove barriers for all types of disabilities; ● Add a representative from the Seniors Advisory Committee to the composition. ○ Conducting an internal audit of Markham Civic Centre; ○ Possibly reaching out to previous Committee Members regarding past agenda items.
5. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:52 p.m.