

## Advisory Committee on Accessibility

June 17, 2019

Canada Room

5:00 PM

### Attendance:

Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Brian Lynch, Valerie Kitazaki, Meenu Khanna, 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

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>                          | The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:05 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.   |  |
| <b>2. Taxi, Uber and Limousines Presentation</b> | <p>Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing and Animal Service was unable to attend. The presentation will be rescheduled to another meeting date.</p> <p>Barry Martin, Chair provided an update from the General Committee meeting held on June 4, 2019 on taxi, Uber and limousine regulation in Markham. A Member of the Committee attended the meeting and requested that Markham provide in-house accessibility training to taxi, Uber and limousine drivers rather than contracting it out in order to ensure the training is effective and of a high quality.</p> <p>Barry spoke with Uber who would like to attend a meeting in the future to discuss suggestions on how to improve the accessibility of their services.</p> | <p>Barry to send Uber information to Clerks, Laura and Grace.</p> <p>Laura and Grace to contact UBER to attend future meeting.</p>   |
| <b>3. Sub-Committees</b>                         | <p>The Committee created the following sub-committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Accessibility Education and Fair<br/>Members:<br/>Elaine Vollett<br/>Barry Martin<br/>Jewell Lofsky</li><li>2. Accessibility Award<br/>Members:<br/>Elaine Vollett<br/>Meenu Khanna<br/>Nahid Verma<br/>Rita Lam</li><li>3. Accessibility Park<br/>Members:</li></ol>  | <p>Laura and Grace to circulate committee members contact information for their sub-committees.</p> <p>Sub-committees to assign their own chair at their first meeting.</p> <p>Sub-committees to meet to discuss up coming events.</p> |

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|   | <p>Barry Martin<br/>Kaushi Ragunathan<br/>Valerie Kitazaki<br/>Robert Hunn<br/>Anna Giallonardo<br/>Rita Lam</p> <p>4. Accessible Audits<br/>Members:<br/>Robert Hunn<br/>Jewell Lofsky<br/>Anna Giallonardo<br/>Valerie Kitazaki</p>   | <p>Committee Members who were unable to attend this meeting and are interested in joining a subcommittee can notify Laura or Grace.</p> |
| <p><b>4. Cosmo Music Festival</b></p>                               | <p>Barry provided an update on the Cosmo Music Festival. He found it was a great way to deliver information about the award and engage with the public.</p> <p>Barry suggested the Committee explore the idea of Markham Fair this year, and attending the Unionville Festival next year.</p> <p>Jewell recommended the Committee connect with York Region to find out what events they are hosting, suggesting this may help the Committee participate in more festivals/events.</p> <p>Moved by Elaine Vollett<br/>Seconded by Meenu Khanna</p> <p>That the City of Markham purchase a tent with the Markham logo on it for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility to use at events.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> | <p>Reach out to Markham Fair Board</p>  |
| <p><b>5. Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee Motion</b></p> | <p>Barry advised the motion the Committee passed at its last meeting regarding making a portion of the Rouge trail accessible was adopted by the Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) and has now been forwarded to Council for its consideration..</p> <p>Barry asked the Committee to provide feedback on the accessibility of Markham's parks, and trail system for him to take to CPAC on Thursday.</p> <p>The Committee provided the following feedback :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Park Spaces;</li> </ul>   |   |

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|                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks to have softer landing pads;</li> <li>• No Hydration area for service dogs;</li> <li>• More shaded areas;</li> <li>• Pave all trails;</li> <li>• Tables;</li> <li>• Braille.</li> </ul> <p>Barry suggested getting the master plan for all trails for the Committee to review before 2020.</p>   |   |
| <b>6. Business Plan</b>               | Committee reviewed and updated the 2019 Business Plan.  | Laura to circulate 2019 Business Plan to committee.   |
| <b>7. Markham Accessibility Award</b> | <p>Information about the Accessibility Award is on the City's website. Barry suggested promoting the Award and possibly announcing the winners in the newspaper.</p> <p>The submission deadline for the award is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Laura suggested switching the September meeting from September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss and judge the submissions. The Committee agreed to this.</p> | <p>Add new form to website.</p> <p>Laura to send link to website to committee members.</p>  |
| <b>8. Markham Accessibility Fair</b>  | The Sub-committee will meet to discuss the Markham Accessibility Fair.  |   |
| <b>9. New Business</b>                | <p>The Committee agreed to hold meetings in the summer.</p> <p>Barry suggested more content be added to the agenda to provide the Committee with more information on each item.</p> <p>Committee Members were advised to email Laura, Barry, or Grace if they would like to add an item to the agenda.</p>  | <p>Next meeting date set for July 29th</p> <p>Grace and Laura to invite Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Animal Services and Licensing to attend the July meeting to discuss the licensing of Taxis, Uber and Limousines in the City of Markham, Private Transportation Company Report and the impact on accessible transportation.</p> |
| <b>10. Adjournment</b>                | The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:47 pm.   |   |