

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

May 13, 2019

Canada Room

5:00 PM

Attendance:

Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Laura Meffren, Brian Lynch, George George, 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

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:02 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.	
2. March of Dimes Presentation	<p>Sherry Haines from the March of Dimes was in attendance to provide a presentation on the services they provide.</p> <p>Members asked several questions regarding their accessibility services, and audits.</p>	
3. Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Motion	<p>Barry Martin, Chair provided an update from the City's Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He inquired about the accessibility features the Committee would like to see in the new Rouge Valley Trail and Park, which is currently being designed/constructed.</p> <p>Committee discussed the Rouge Valley Trail and Park. They wanted to ensure that a portion of the trail was made accessible/barrier free. They also wanted the park to include an accessible park for people of various ages and disabilities that could be easily accessed by transit.</p> <p>Moved by George George Seconded by Bob Hunn</p> <p>That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility recommend to the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee that a portion of the Rouge Valley Trail be built Barrier Free with an Accessible Park; and,</p> <p>That If approved, the Advisory Committee on Accessibility approve all technical requirements for a barrier free trail and accessible recreational park in accordance with an Ontario Regulated Integrated</p>	<p>Provide Cycling & Pedestrian Committee with motion passed by Committee – Barry Martin</p>

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	Accessible Standards act, with consideration of providing activities for all ages and levels of abilities. Carried	
4. Audits of City Facilities or Public Spaces	<p>Jewells Lofsky and Barry Martin provided the committee with information on an audit that was conducted at Cosmo Music Centre.</p> <p>Jewells Lofsky informed the Committee about the Cosmo Fest, which will be held on June 1st from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Committee voted to submit the application to Cosmo Music to have a booth at the Festival.</p> <p>Grace and Laura will complete the application to submit to Cosmo Music. Once approved, Grace and Laura will circulate a sign up sheet to the committee to cover shifts (2 hour shifts) at the booth.</p> <p>Items required for booth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markham Tent • Markham table cloth • Brochures • Chairs and tables provided by Cosmo Music 	Complete application form and circulate schedule for Cosmo Music Fest – Laura and Grace
5. Business Plan	Deferred to next meeting.	
6. Markham Accessibility Award	<p>Laura will mail Members colour copies of the 2019 Accessibility Award nomination form, which includes the award criteria. She will also email Members a link to the award webpage once it has been updated.</p> <p>Committee was advised that one nomination has been received to date.</p>	<p>Mail copies of the 2019 Accessibility Award nomination form to the Committee – Laura</p> <p>Circulate the Accessibility Award webpage to the Committee once updated – Laura</p>
7. Markham Accessibility Fair	Committee discussed educating the public on one disability this year, then another the following year rather than holding a fair. This could be developed into a “Did You Know” series that the Committee publishes in the local newspaper, or in another City publications. Laura suggested that it could possibly	

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	be published in “Markham Life” magazine, but that this would need to be investigated further if the Committee decided to pursue this option.	
8. New Business	The Chair advised that the Committee currently has no budget and that it may need to ask for a budget or look for sponsors to fund its projects.	
9. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:52 pm.	