

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

**November 19, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:** Barry Martin, Chair, Brian Lynch, Tammy Mok, Robert Hunn, Jewell Lofsky, and Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

**Staff Present:** Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Senior Diversity Coordinator, Vicky Chan, Project Manager, Facility Assets, Graham Seaman, Director of Asset Management & Sustainability, and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets:** Wanda Wright , Arlene Juanillo, Councillor Karen Rea, Laura Meffen, Jaqueline Bell, and Keith Irish

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| 1. Call to Order  | The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:12 pm with Barry Martin presiding as Chair.  |        |
| 2. Minutes  | The approval of the Minutes was deferred to the next meeting, as there was no quorum.  |        |
| 3. Sustainability & Asset Management Approach to Accessibility in Renovations | <p>Vicky Chan, Project Manager, Facility Assets was in attendance to provide a presentation on the plans for the revitalization of Morgan Pool.</p> <p>The Committee provided the following feedback on the revitalization plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggested the splash pad should be accessible or partially accessible;</li><li>• Asked if the playground could be made accessible or if an accessible feature could be added;</li><li>• Thought there was not enough parking spots, but understood the parking is limited by the site;</li><li>• Suggested that the soap dispenser and sinks in the washrooms be automatic;</li><li>• Suggested the pool be open longer than July, and August.</li></ul> |        |

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|                        | Staff advised that the splash pad will be open from June until Thanksgiving, but that the pool will only remain open in July and August, as the pool is maned by summer students.   |  |
| <b>4. New Business</b> | <p><u>Christmas Party</u><br/>The Committee will have its Christmas party in the Canada Room, as the City is doing construction on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.</p> <p><u>Heritage Accessibility Grant</u><br/>Regan Hutcheson will come to the January or February meeting to discuss heritage and accessibility.</p> <p><u>Ability Fair</u><br/>Robert Hunn advised the Committee that there will be an Ability Fair in Mississauga at the International Centre in April.</p> <p><u>Robotics</u><br/>The Committee requested that a representative from Cyberwork Robotics be invited to attend a future meeting. The company has invented a self-driving wheelchair.</p> <p><u>Accessible Markham</u><br/>The Committee discussed collecting an inventory of accessible places in Markham. It suggested starting in one geographical area. It also wanted a central inventory of Markham's accessible services. It agreed to collect this information one service/program at a time. It ask the Clerk to get a list of accessible parks in Markham.</p> | <p>Invite a representative from Cyberwork Robotics to attend a future meeting.</p> |
| <b>5. Adjournment</b>  | The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 7:02 pm.   |  |