

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

**December 16, 2019**

**Canada Room**

**5:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

Barry Martin, Chair, Councillor Isa Lee, Brian Lynch, Laura Meffen, Rita Lam, Meenu Khanna, George George, Valerie Kitazaki, Kaushi Rangunathan, Nahid Verma, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

**Regrets:**

Robert Hunn, Vice Chair, Jewell Lofsky, Anna Giallonardo, and Elaine Vollett

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:45 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair. The committee celebrated their Holiday Gathering before the start of the meeting.	
<b>2. Social Media Platforms – Did You Know</b>	<p>The Social Media Sub-Committee reviewed and provided their feedback on the City of Markham's Accessibility website content and social media campaign and communication schedule for 2020 with the Committee Members.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Isa Lee Seconded by Laura Meffen</p> <p>That the "Did You Know" social media campaign and the communication schedule be forwarded to the City's Corporate Communications department for review.</p> <p>Carried</p>	
<b>3. Markham Accessibility Award</b>	<p>The Accessibility Award Sub-Committee provided an updated presentation on the goals and timeline for the 2020 Accessibility Awards.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Guiding Principles</li><li>2. Awards Process</li><li>3. Nomination Requirements</li><li>4. Nomination Form Samples</li><li>5. Awards Criteria</li><li>6. 2020 Awards Timeline</li></ol> <p>The Committee agreed to have the nomination forms available throughout the calendar year. It was</p>	

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	suggested the Sub-Committee work with the City's Corporate Communications department to create a PDF fillable nomination form. It was also recommended that the Sub-Committee provide the Councillors with information on the Accessibility Award to provide in their Councillor newsletters.	
<b>4. Accessible Washrooms at Upper Canada Mall</b>	There was a brief discussion on the new layouts of the accessible washrooms at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket. It was suggested that the Committee brainstorm ideas at the January 2020 meeting on how to approach Markville Mall to discuss their accessible washrooms.	
<b>5. Celebration of AODA Movement at Queen's Park</b>	Meenu Khanna spoke about the Celebration of the AODA Movement she attended at Queen's Park. The discussion at the event was on Ontario not being an accessible place. An email address to provide feedback on the AODA Movement was circulated at the event. The Committee was requested to provide feedback on the matter.	
<b>6. The New York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC) Forum Planning Subcommittee Update</b>	Barry Martin advised the Committee that the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Forum Planning Sub-Committee will be meeting with other Accessibility Advisory Committees within York Region in January 2020 to discuss common issues. Barry will keep the Committee informed of the outcome.	
<b>7. New Business</b>	<p><u>Draft Markham's 2020-2023 Accessibility Plan</u> Cheryl McConney-Wilson reviewed Markham's Draft 2020-2023 Accessibility Plan with the Committee Members. She recommended Committee Members review the "Access Forward" website to review the AODA requirements and standards.</p> <p><u>2020 Meeting Schedule</u> Committee Members reviewed the 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting schedule.</p> <p>Committee Members requested a follow up from Richard Fournier, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development, in regards to the City's restrictions on redeveloping an existing park, constructing a new park, and on accessible picnic tables.</p>	

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	<p>Committee Members suggested a member from the Building Department attend a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting to discuss what the Building Department's requirements are under the Building Code and AODA.</p> <p>Barry Martin recommended a Member from the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) attend a future meeting to discuss their mapping systems.</p>	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:50 pm.	