

Advisory Committee on Accessibility
January 20, 2020
Canada Room
5:00 PM

Attendance:

Barry Martin, Chair, Councillor Isa Lee, Brian Lynch, Laura Meffen, Jewell Lofsky, Rita Lam, Anna Giallonardo, Meenu Khanna, Valerie Kitazaki, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

Regrets:

Robert Hunn, Vice Chair, Nahid Verma, Kaushi Ragunathan, George George and Elaine Vollett

Item	Discussion	Action
<p style="text-align: center;">1. Call to Order</p>	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:22 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">2. Race Relations Committee</p>	<p>Cheryl McConney-Wilson provided Committee Members with information on the annual Many Faces of Markham contest organized by the Race Relations Committee. The contest allows students from JK to Grade 8 in Markham schools to submit art pieces on their view of what inclusion means to them. Committee Members are to provide Cheryl with a list of schools in Markham that may not be aware of this contest and that may like to participate. The judging of the art will take place in March, and the event will take place on Sunday April 19, 2020. Committee Members agreed to assist the Race Relations Committee with judging of the submissions and, on the day of the event with the award ceremony..</p>	<p>Laura to provide Cheryl with a list of schools in Markham that may not be aware of this contest and that may like to participate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3. Markham's Accessibility Audits</p>	<p>Committee Members discussed their goals for the 2020 Markham Accessibility Audits. They agreed to conduct multiple audits in 2020 and provide Markham Council with a report by 2021.</p> <p>Moved by Jewell Lofsky Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee</p> <p>That the Committee agreed to do a physical audit of the Markham Civic Centre building to identify and report any deficiencies regarding the compliance of the AODA to Markham Council using the City of Ottawa's Accessibility Impact checklist.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	

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	<p>The audit of Markham Civic Centre will take place during the regularly scheduled February 24, 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting. The meeting will be extended until 8:00 PM to accommodate the lengthier agenda. The audit will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 PM., and regular meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to use the City of Ottawa’s accessibility checklist, as it was created to: 1) identify and remove or prevent barriers; 2) creates a record of accessibility improvements recommended; 3) procedures were developed in accordance with the “Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (“AODA”).</p> <p>Committee Members are to review the City of Ottawa’s checklist in preparation for the audit at the February 24, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>All Members of the Committee will participate in the Audit.</p> <p>It was recommended that a staff member from the City’s Asset Management Team attend the audit.</p>	<p>Grace to speak to Asset Management Director, Graham Seaman, to appoint a staff member to assist with the Advisory Committee on Accessibility audit.</p>
<p>4. Social Media Platform</p>	<p>Maxine Roy, Corporate Communications Coordinator will attend the February 24, 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting to provide Committee Members feedback on their Social Media Platform Package submitted at the December 16, 2019 meeting.</p>	<p>Maxine Roy to come speak at the next Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting - Grace Lombardi has confirmed her attendance at the meeting</p>
<p>5. Markham’s Accessible Transportation</p>	<p>Committee Members expressed their frustration with ongoing issues with companies who offer accessible transportation in Markham and York Region.</p> <p>Moved by Valerie Kitazaki</p>	

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	<p>Seconded by Laura Meffen</p> <p>That the cost of any member of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility who require accessible transportation to attend an Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be covered by the City of Markham.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p><u>Accessible Parks</u> Committee Members requested Richard Fournier, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development attend the February 24, 2020 meeting, to provide a follow up in regards to the City’s restrictions on redeveloping an existing park, constructing a new park, and on accessible picnic tables.</p> <p><u>Mobility Plus</u> Committee Members recommended having a member from York Region attend a future meeting to discuss issues with Mobility Plus. It was suggested that Councillor Keith Irish also be invited to this meeting.</p> <p><u>Unionville Festival</u> Committee Members to discuss at the March meeting.</p>	<p>Invite Richard Fournier to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the accessibility of the City’s parks – Grace Lombardi</p> <p>Invite a Member from York Region to come to a future meeting to speak about Mobility Plus – Committee, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, and Grace Lombardi</p> <p>Invite Councillor Keith Irish to the meeting with “Mobility Plus on the Agenda” – Grace Lombardi</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 7:02 pm.</p>	