

## Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes

June 29, 2020

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Zoom Video Conference

**Attendance:** Barry Martin, Chair, Councillor Isa Lee, Laura Meffen, Jewell Lofsky, Rita Lam, Kaushi Ragunathan, Nahid Verma, Mona Nazif, Senior Manager HR Client Services, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

**Regrets:**

Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Brian Lynch, Anna Giallonardo, Valerie Kitazaki, George George, Meenu Khanna and Elaine Vollett

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:09 PM with Barry Martin in the Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Councillor Isa Lee Seconded by Laura Meffen  That the February 24, 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented.  Carried	
3. Markham Civic Centre Audit	This item was deferred to the September meeting.	Sub-Committee to review prior to the September meeting
4. Social Media Platform	Mona Nazif, Senior Manager HR Client Services provided the Committee with an update on the "Did You Know" social media platform discussed at the last meeting (on behalf of Maxine Roy from the City's Corporate Communication Department). Work on this project has been delayed during the COVID pandemic.  The City will put together a work plan and confer with Sub-Committee members during the summer.  Further discussion on this item was deferred to the September meeting.	Sub-Committee to review prior to the September meeting
5. New Business	<u>CPAC (Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) revised Multi-Use Map &amp; City Facilities</u> The Committee discussed the importance of referencing the accessible trails, parks and areas on the CPAC Multi-Use Pathway Map, at City facilities, and on the City's portal. The Committee also noted there needs to be more signage directing residents with accessible needs to accessible areas including creating accessible way-finding signage for City buildings. The City will follow up and provide information at the next meeting.	

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	<p><u>Accessible Public Transportation</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the challenges with accessible transportation in Markham. Members stressed the importance of providing accessible customer service training to public and private transportation drivers, and changes to accessible transportation that need to be implemented.</p> <p>The Committee requested that Michael Killingsworth, Deputy City Clerk, By-law Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory Services attend a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting to provide an update on the City's accessible private transportation, and on the accessible customer service training drivers receive in Markham. This matter was previously discussed at the July 29, 2019 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting.</p> <p><u>Markham Fair</u></p> <p>Mona Nazif advised that Markham Fair is applying for a grant to help fund a project to improve the accessibility of its entrance doors. Markham Fair has requested the Committee/City provide a written endorsement of the project as part of their grant application process for funding.</p> <p>Moved by Nahid Verma Seconded by Jewell Lofsky</p> <p>That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility support the City in providing a letter of endorsement to the Markham Fair to receive a grant on making their entrance doors more accessible; and,</p> <p>That a representative from the Markham Fair come to a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting to speak to the Committee about its other accessibility concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p><u>Award Ceremony</u></p> <p>It was suggested that the Committee review the new Accessibility Award Nomination Form at the next meeting, and that the award ceremony be postponed (possibly) to the spring of 2021 due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Committee discussed moving the nomination submission deadline from September to November, 2020 to provide more time to promote the award. It also suggested sending letters of acknowledgement to all award winners, advising them that the ceremony details will follow.</p>	<p>Laura Gold to revisit the form and circulate to the Committee Members to review.</p>
<b>6. Adjournment</b>	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:37 PM.	