

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes

July 6, 2020

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Zoom Video Conference

Attendance: Barry Martin, Chair, Councillor Isa Lee, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Laura Meffen, Jewell Lofsky, Rita Lam, Anna Giallonardo, Nahid Verma, Meenu Khanna, George George, Mona Nazif, Senior Manager HR Client Services, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

Regrets:

Brian Lynch, Kaushi Ragunathan, Valerie Kitazaki, and Elaine Vollett

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:14 PM with Barry Martin in the Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Councillor Isa Lee Seconded by Laura Meffen That the June 29, 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. Carried	
3. Markham Accessibility Award	The Committee Members reviewed the nomination form and provided their recommendations. Due to COVID19, the Committee Members agreed to extend the nomination deadline to October 16, 2020, and to create a sub-committee at the September meeting to select the winners and provide the Committee with their recommendations. Committee Members discussed acknowledging the nominees with congratulatory letters if an Accessibility Award ceremony is unable to take place this year. The Committee requested the City's Corporate Communications department review the nomination form to confirm it is accessible and to assist with the promotion of the award through the City's social media channels.	Laura Gold to update the Nomination Form with Committee member's recommendations and the new date. Mona, Grace & Laura to communicate with the City's Corporate Communications department on the promotion of the Accessibility Award.
4. New Business	Committee Members expressed their disappointment that they were unable to provide advice to the City on accessibility matters during the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was suggested that Committee Members may find it useful to find ways to check in and provide support to each other during COVID.	Grace to send email to Committee Members to confirm best way of communication and consent to share

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		information with other members.
5. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:18 PM.	