

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes

September 21, 2020

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Zoom Video Conference

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

Regrets:

Laura Meffen, and Elaine Vollett

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:02 PM with Barry Martin in the Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Robert Hunn Seconded by George George That the July 6, 2020 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. Carried	
3. Accessible Private Transportation	Michael Killingsworth, Deputy Clerk, By-law Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory Services provided an update on the status of the City's Report on taxi, Uber and limousine regulations in Markham. He provided a high-level review on the City's approach on improving accessible private transportation in Markham. Michael explained the City is trying to make a requirement for how many accessible private transportations vehicles (i.e. UBER) are on the road at all times. Michael explained he is looking at mirroring Toronto's accessible customer service drivers training. Michael advised the report is scheduled to be presented to Council in November. Once the report is completed, an update will be provided to the committee.	
4. Markham Accessibility Award	Committee Members agreed to postpone the Accessibility Awards to 2021 as a result of COVID, and support keeping a nomination form posted on the portal without a nomination deadline in order to encourage ongoing submissions.	
5. Accessibility Plan	Committee Members requested that staff provide a review of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility Terms of Reference, roles and responsibilities of members, meeting procedure, and the Committee's Work/Business Plan at the next couple of meetings.	
6. New Business	Mona Nazif, Senior Manager HR Client Services provided a social media presentation to the Committee Members on creating Accessibility	

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	Awareness. She has been in contact with the City's Corporate Communications department regarding accessibility messaging to the public. It was suggested that the "Did You Know" package the Committee Members created be sent out once per month. Committee Members expressed their concerns with the accessibility features on the City's website, specifically in regards to residents with visual impairment being able to read the website. The Committee decided to defer the "Did You Know" campaign in place of other priorities.	
7. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 7:03 PM.	