

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

July 29, 2019

Canada Room

5:00 PM

Attendance:

Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Brian Lynch, Jewell Lofsky, Rita Lam, Anna Giallonardo, Nahid Verma, Kaushi Ragunathan, Meenu Khanna, George George, Councillor Isa Lee, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:10 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.	
2. Taxi, Uber and Limousines Presentation	Michael Killingsworth, Deputy Clerk, By-law Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory Services provided an update from the General Committee meetings held on May 6, 2019 and June 4, 2019 on taxi, Uber and limousine regulations in Markham. He provided a high-level review on where the City is with respect to accessible Private Transportation. Michael explained he is looking to improve accessible private transportation in Markham. To do this he has set up meetings with Mobility Plus, Uber, taxis etc. to work together. Committee Members spoke about the challenges with accessible transportation. 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. Committee Members stressed the importance of private transportation drivers being trained on how to assist someone with a disability. Currently, York Region has accessible customer service training. The Committee suggested that staff speak to someone from the York Region regarding their accessible customer service training. Michael explained he is looking at mirroring Toronto's accessible customer service drivers training.	Michael to reach out to TTC to receive sample of their training. Michael to contact Neil Davis - Digital Services Manager for the City of Vaughan.
3. Markham Accessibility Award	The Markham Accessibility Award Sub-committee provided an update on the preparation for the accessibility award. The update consisted of target demographics, an action plan, and a campaign plan (strategy). The sub-committee created a standard email template for members to use to promote the	Laura and Grace to send email template to committee members and councillors on behalf

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	accessibility award. Currently, the Committee has two nominations. September 6, 2019 is the deadline to submit nominations and they will be judged on September 9, 2019.	of the Markham Accessibility Award committee.
4. Markham Accessibility Education and Fair	Deferred to September meeting	
5. Markham Accessibility Fair	Deferred to September meeting	
6. Markham Accessibility Park	Deferred to September meeting	
7. Markham Accessibility Audits	Deferred to September meeting	
8. New Business		
9. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:58 pm.	