

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Minutes

September 17, 2018

5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Kristen Hayes, Co-Chair, Brian Lynch, Barry Martin, Robert Hunn, Jewell Lofsky, and Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Staff Present: Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Senior Diversity Coordinator, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Jaqueline Bell, Co-Chair, Laura Meffen, Wanda Wright , Arlene Juanillo, Tammy Mok, Councillor Karen Rea, and Keith Irish

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:06 pm with Kristen Hayes presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Brian Lynch Seconded by Jewell Lofsky That the August 1, 2018 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. Carried	
3. Accessibility Fair	The Committee reviewed the schedule and discussed the logistics of the August 22, and 23 Accessibility Fair.	
4. Accessibility Award	The Committee discussed the logistics of the Accessibility Award. Barry Martine agreed to present the award with the Mayor. All award winners have been advised of the event details. Other Members of the Committee were encouraged to attend the event.	

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5. Customer Complaint Regarding Streetlights	<p>The Committee reviewed a complaint from a Markham resident regarding streetlights not being accessible. The Committee discussed this challenge and Members shared their experiences with inaccessible streetlights.</p> <p>The Committee requested that the applicable staff person be invited to the next meeting to discuss the accessibility of streetlights.</p>	<p>Invite the applicable staff to discuss the accessibility of street lights – Laura Gold</p>
6. New Business	<p><u>Election of the Co-Chairs</u> Kristen Hayes announced that she will be stepping down as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility. She suggested that an election be held at the next meeting. Both Brian Lynch and Barry Martin advised that they were interested in serving as Chair of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Grants Program</u> Barry Martin noted that he would like the Committee to focus on starting a grants program at the City for making heritage businesses accessible.</p>	
7. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.</p>	