

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

October 15, 2018

5:00 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Barry Martin, Chair, Brian Lynch, Laura Meffen, Jaqueline Bell, Robert Hunn, Jewell Lofsky, and Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Staff Present: Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Senior Diversity Coordinator, Colby Brygidyr, Project Manager, Facility Assets, Graham Seaman, Director of Asset Management & Sustainability, and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: 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 5:12 pm with Barry Martin presiding as Chair.	
2. Minutes	Moved by Robert Hunn Seconded by Brain Lynch That the September 17, 2018 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. Carried	
3. Sustainability & Asset Management Approach to Accessibility in Renovations	Colby Brygidyr, Project Manager Facility was in attendance to provide two presentations entitled “Markham’s Approach to Accessibility in Renovations” and “Milliken Mills Community Change Room Renovation”. Copies of the presentations were circulated to the Committee after the meeting. The Committee provided the following feedback on “Markham’s approach to Accessibility in Renovations”: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should have an emergency exit that is accessible;	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have a refuge area where people who require assistance meet in an emergency; • Should have brail signs at City facilities; • Need to install lifts to be able to lift an adult onto an adult change table or into the pool at Community Centres; • Advised that the Federal Government has invested funds into improving accessibility (Barry Martin to share information about federal grant program with staff) • Accessible spots are not wide enough to open an accessible vehicle's side ramp; • Curve cuts are not always in the right spot, which makes it difficult for someone using a mobility device to get onto the sidewalk; • Ensure people using mobility devices are able to reach crosswalk buttons; • Should ensure that there is enough seating for persons with a mobility device to sit with their family at events and arenas; • Ensure coat hooks are positioned so that someone with a mobility challenge can hang up their coat; <p>The Committee provided the following feedback on the Milliken Mills Community Change Room Renovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have adult change table with lift; • Make sure the emergency bar is easy to see (will be bright yellow); • Signs should include brail; • Should have locks a little higher for children that are a flight risk (staff will consider this, but they will have to also consider safety concerns regarding taking this action when making a decision); • Suggested electronic locks should disengage in an emergency. 	<p>Share information on Federal Grant program with staff – Barry Martin</p>
<p>4. Accessibility Fair</p>	<p>The Committee discussed the following regarding the Accessibility Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that the City should seek sponsorship for the Applefest event; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thought there were too many other events going on at the same time, resulting in too much competition; • Suggested that next year the kids catch the train by the Transportation building/ by the Fair; • Thought the focus of the Fair should be more on promoting accessibility awareness; • Need to add more kids activities; • Should have an accessibility van at the fair; • Thought passport was effective; • Suggested speaking with Bloorview MacMillan for ideas for next year's festival; • Should target younger kids, as this is the audience at the event; • Could focus on accessible transportation at next year's festival. 	
5. New Business	<p><u>Christmas Party</u> The Committee suggested having a Christmas Party in the Councillor's Lounge if possible. The party would be held from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The Clerk was asked to book the room.</p> <p><u>Heritage Accessibility Grant</u> It was requested that Regan Hutcheson and George Duncan be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss accessibility and heritage properties.</p> <p><u>Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair</u> Barry Martin was appointed Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility.</p> <p>Robert Hunn was appointed Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility.</p>	<p>Book Councillor's Lounge – Laura Gold</p>
6. Adjournment	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:27 pm.</p>	