

Advisory Committee on Accessibility
March 15, 2017
Canada Room
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councillor Karen Rea, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Arlene Juanillo, Kristin Hayes Tammy Mok, Robert Hunn, Catherine Hughes, Brian Lynch, and Jewell Lofsky (guest)

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

Regrets: Jaqueline Bell, Keith Irish and Jason Tung

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 4:06 pm with Tammy Mok presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	<p>A spelling mistake was corrected on page 3 of the minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Brian Lynch Seconded by Robert Hunn</p> <p>That the Minutes from the February 15, 2017 Advisory Committee on Accessibility be approved as amending.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
3.	<p>Stephen Corr, Senior Planner, East was in attendance to present a proposed site plan for 189 Bullock. The plan is for restaurant and self storage unit. The Committee provided the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there are curve cuts near the accessible parking spots • Ensure there is a ramp that can be safely accessed from the accessible parking spots to access the building 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the disabled patron does not have to go into traffic to the parking spot • Ensure doors have handles instead of knobs <p>The Committee Received the presentation.</p>	
<p>4. Accessibility Fair</p>	<p>A. <u>Accessibility Fair</u></p> <p>After some discussion the Committee agreed to hold the Accessibility Fair as part of Applefest.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Karen Rea Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong</p> <p>That the 2017 Accessibility Fair be held as part of Applefest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p>That the September 20, 2017 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting start at 3:30 pm; and</p> <p>That the meeting be devoted to the planning and undertaking of the Accessibility Fair; and,</p> <p>That the meeting time be extended to discuss regular agenda items if required.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	

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<p>5. Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award</p>	<p>Tammy Mok presented a proposal for holding the accessibility award as part of the City’s Council Recognition Night. The award would replace the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award and it would include both a business and individual category.</p> <p>The Committee had the following questions regarding the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the Markham Board of Trade proceed with the Accessibility Award if the City discontinues its sponsorship of the award? • Could the Committee do both an in-house award and the Markham Board of Trade Award? • Could the City lower its sponsorship of the Markham Board of Trade Award? • Would an in-house business award have the same prestige as the Board of Trade Accessibility Award? • Could some of the funds used to sponsor the Board of Trade Accessibility Award be used toward the in-house award? • Will an in-house award raise the same amount of awareness as the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award? <p>The Committee was in support of doing an in-house award and broadening the award categories, but it also wanted to ensure that the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award continued. Cheryl McConney-Wilson will reach out to the Markham Board of Trade to get answers to Committee’s questions.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to proceed with creating an in-house award recognizing individuals that achieved greatness despite of their disability and individuals that have committed themselves to removing barriers for persons with a disability. It deferred the decision on whether it will proceed with sponsoring the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award to the next meeting when it had more information to make an informed decision.</p>	<p>Contact the Board of Trade to get answers on the Committee’s questions on the Accessibility Award - Cheryl McConney-Wilson</p>

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	<p>Moved by Arlene Juanillo Seconded by Kristen Hayes</p> <p>That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility support the creation of a City of Markham Accessibility Award that will recognize individuals with a disability that have overcome their disability and achieved greatness and individuals that have committed themselves to removing barriers for persons with a disability.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p><u>York Region Accessibility Committee Update</u> Brian Lynch advised that he would provide a York Region Accessibility Committee report at the next meeting, as the Committee did not meet in March.</p> <p><u>Weather Network Clip</u> Kristen Hayes explained that she did a video for the Weather Network on how weather can affect accessibility (e.g. importance of removing snow). The video also shows clips of Kristen using the Pan Am facilities. Cheryl McConney-Wilson will send the link out to the Committee.</p> <p><u>Markham Sports Hall of Fame</u> Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong reported that Meg Stokes, Chair of the Markham Sports Hall of Fame would like to come to a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility to present the Committee’s plans for a Markham Sports Hall of Fame.</p>	
<p>7. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on April 19, 2017.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:56 pm</p>	

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Action Items

No.	Action Item	Responsibility of Staff/Committee Member	Completion Date	Status
1.	Invite organizations representing different types of disabilities to present at future Advisory Committee on Accessibility Meetings	Senior Diversity Coordinator	On going	
2.	Include in the Site Plan for the gas station at Major Mackenzie and Don Cousens how it will provide accessible service.	David Miller	Fall 2016	
3.	Look into why an accessible parking spot was placed in front of the Church on Main Street Markham.	Cheryl McConney-Wilson, and Sally Campbell	Fall 2016	
4.	Bring frequently asked questions on accessibility matters to the next meeting for the committee to review	Cheryl McConney-Wilson	April 19, 2017	
5.	Review the proposed award categories to ensure they still fall under the Committee's mandate.	Cheryl McConney-Wilson and Laura Gold	April 19, 2017	