

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

March 16, 2016

Ontario Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Karen Rea, Kristen Hayes, Co-Chair, Jaqueline Bell, Arlene Juanillo, Robert Hunn, Brian Lynch, and Tammy Mok

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

Regrets: Brendan Faulkner, Co-Chair, Catherine Hughes, and Keith Irish

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:40 p.m. with Kristen Hayes presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Arlene Juanillo Seconded by Robert Hunn That the February 17, 2016, Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. The following update was provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was reported that the report to Council on Uber will also look at the issue	CARRIED

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	<p>through an accessibility lens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee requested that an update on accessible cabs be provided after the report on Uber goes to Council • It was requested that Lisa Lombardi from Corporate Communications be invited to a future meeting to discuss the City’s social media protocols and how social media can be used to promote the City’s accessibility initiatives. 	<p>Provide Accessible taxi update after Uber report goes to Council – Christopher Alexander</p> <p>Invite Lisa to a future meeting to discuss social media – Cheryl</p>
<p>3. Standing Items</p>	<p><u>Markham Board of Trade Award</u></p> <p>The Committee asked staff when the nomination form for the Markham Board of Trade Award will be ready. Cheryl McConney-Wilson reported the form is already available.</p> <p>Committee Members agreed to start looking for businesses to nominate. Each Member should think of one business it would like to nominate prior to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Accessibility Fair</u></p> <p>Kristen Hayes provided an update on the Accessibility Fair. The fair is being held the weekend after Thanks Giving. The event will likely be held at the Pan Am Centre. The Sub-Committee also looked at holding the event at the Cornell Community Centre, but decided against it as patrons will need to get their parking</p>	<p>Think of one business to nominate prior to the next meeting – All Committee Members</p>

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	<p>validated.</p> <p>Cheryl McConney-Wilson will inquire why the event could not be held at Markville Mall in the past.</p> <p><u>Article in Markham Life</u></p> <p>Kristen Hayes advised that an article she wrote with Gail Leet, Chair, Seniors Advisory Committee, on accessibility matters will be published in Markham Life.</p> <p><u>York Region Advisory Committee on Accessibility Update</u></p> <p>Bryan Lynch had no report to provide, as the last meeting of the York Region’s Advisory Committee on Accessibility was cancelled. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Easter Seal Ambassador</u></p> <p>AJ Juanillo, the Easter Seal Ambassador provided a speech on his new found role. The Committee congratulated him for being appointed the new Easter Seal Ambassador and applauded his speech. A group picture with AJ was taken.</p>	<p>Find out why Fair could not be held at Markville Mall - Cheryl</p>
<p>4. New Business</p>	<p><u>Membership Update</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised that interviews to fill vacancies on the committee will be conducted soon.</p>	
<p>5. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on</p>	

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	Wednesday, April 20, 2016.	
6. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:35 p.m.	

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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	Spring 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	Spring 2016	
4.	Add the promotion of City accessible initiatives to the next agenda.	Laura Gold	April 20, 2016	
5.	Look into question regarding providing babysitting for Committee Members.	Laura Gold	April 20, 2016	
6.	Invite Lisa Lombardi from Corporate Communications to a future meeting to discuss the City's social media protocols and how social media can be used to promote the City's accessibility initiatives.	Cheryl McConney-Wilson	April 20, 2016	
7.	Report back on accessible taxi cabs after the report on Uber goes to Council.	Chris Alexander	Fall 2016	
8.	Find out why the Accessibility Fair could not be held at Markham Fair in the	Cheryl McConney-	April 20, 2016	

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	Past.	Wilson		
9.	Think of one business to nominate prior to the next meeting.	All Committee Members	April 20, 2016	