

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

April 15, 2015

Ontario Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councillor Karen Rea, Sidney Polak, Chair, Arlene Juanillo, Vice-Chair Catherine Hughes, Kristen Hayes, Brian Lynch, Joan Jenkyn, and Tammy Mok

Staff Present:

Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Senior Diversity Coordinator, Mona Nazif, Senior Manager of Human Resources and Client Service, and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Keith Irish, Robert Hunn, and Brendan Faulkner

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Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:45 p.m. with Sidney Polak presiding as Chair.	
Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Brian Lynch Seconded by Arlene Juanillo That the February 18, 2015 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED	
Presentation on Building Code	Tim Moore, Director of Building Standards provided a presentation on the Building Code. The presentation provided an overview of how accessibility is addressed through the Building Code. Currently, the Building Code does not require modifications to existing buildings to make them	

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	accessible. One of the reasons it does not require retrofitting of buildings is because the property owner may not have resources to undertake the work. Stricter legislation regarding retrofitting of buildings for public safety purposes may come into place after the mall in Elliot Lake collapsed a few years ago. Some of the recent changes to the Building Code include: • Expansion of the requirement to have elevators in buildings; • Requirements for hotels to have accessible units; • Requirements to have more accessible units with increased dimensions in apartment buildings and condos; • Requirements for universal washrooms; <u>Discussion</u> It was questioned if there is any provision in the Building Code to make medical clinics accessible. Tim advised there is currently no provision in the Building Code requiring medical clinics to be accessible. A new medical building would need to provide access to every suite and have an accessible washroom. It is otherwise up to the practitioner to make the inside of their clinic accessible. It was also questioned if affordable accessible housing is addressed under the Building Code. Tim advised that affordable housing falls under the jurisdiction of York Region. A Member noted that there is a website connecting human rights with the Building Code, which provides useful information on the Building Code.	

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Presentation on Improvements to Civic Centre Parking L0	Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management was in attendance to provide a presentation on improvements to the Civic Centre parking lot. The parking lot is being updated based on its lifecycle. Some improvements to pedestrian safety are being made as part of the project. The Accessibility spots could not be moved to the front of Civic Centre, as this would require major restructuring of the parking lot to provide more width at the front of the building for the accessible spots. <u>Discussion</u> The Committee suggested adding another row of visitor parking spots, and requested that staff refrain from placing construction machinery in the accessible parking spots during the construction of the parking lot.	
Presentation on Retrofits	Sally Campbell, Acting Development Manager, East was in attendance to obtain the Committee's feedback on the site plans for a large commercial development being proposed in the Cornell community. The site plan had 930 parking spaces above ground, 175 parking spots underground, and 47 accessible parking spots. The development included retail stores and a small office building with underground parking. The Committee looked at the plans, specifically at the location of the accessible parking spots. The location of some of the accessible parking spots was questioned. The Committee agreed to form a Sub-Committee to review the plans in detail. The following Members joined the Sub-Committee: Arlene Juanillo Councillor Karen Rea Brian Lynch Kristen Hayes Jaqueline Bell	Meet as a sub-committee to review the plans for the major Cornell development-- Sub-Committee

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	Sid Polak Sally will circulate the plans to the Committee prior to the Sub-Committee meeting. A Member asked Sally to look into why an accessible parking spot was placed in front of the Church on Main Street Markham.	Circulate plans to Committee – Sally Campbell Look into why an accessible parking spot was placed in front of the Church on Main Street Markham – Sally Campbell
York Region Advisory Committee on Accessibility	Brian Lynch advised that on June 13, 2015 a celebration is being held in Vaughan to mark the 10th anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA).	
Accessibility Fair	Kristen Hayes provided an update on the Accessibility Fair. A tentative date of October 24 has been set for the fair. The fair will likely be held at either the Cornell Community Centre or at the Pan Am Centre. There were pros and cons to having the event at the Pan Am Centre. The major pro was more traffic, and the major cons were that the event would be more spread out and that the facility would not be available until 11:00 am. The following Members joined the Accessibility Fair Sub-Committee: Arlene Juanillo Kristen Hayes	

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New Business	<u>Questions for Website</u> Cheryl McConney-Wilson reminded the Committee to provide typical accessibility related questions to her. The questions will be used to create a question and answer, which will be placed on the City's website. A Member suggesting placing the accessibility page on the City's website under residents. <u>Diversity and Inclusion Charter for York Region</u> Cheryl McConney-Wilson advised that York Region is trying to develop a Diversity and Inclusion Charter for all of York Region. An open house is being held on May 4 to discuss diversity and the proposed Charter. Volunteers from the Committee were requested to help man a booth at the event. The following Committee Members volunteered: Jaqueline Bell; Joan Jenklyn; and Arlene Juanillo.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.	
Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:32 p.m.	

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	Winter 2015	
3.	Review booklet <i>Making Accessibility Happen</i>	All Committee Members	May 20, 2015	
4.	Provide staff with two or three question on accessibility matters.	All Committee Members	May20, 2015	
5.	Meet as a sub-committee to review the plans for the major Cornell development.	Sub-Committee	May 20, 2015	
6.	Circulate the site plans for the major Cornell development to the Committee.	Sally Campbell	May 20, 2015	
7.	Look into why an accessible parking spot was placed in front of the Church on Main Street Markham.	Sally Campbell	May 20, 2015	