

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

May 21, 2014

Canada Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Alan Ho, Sidney Polak, Chair, , Brendan Faulkner, Kristen Hayes, Keith Irish Joan Jenkyn, Cindy Jones Shrek, Brian Lynch and Tammy Mok

Staff Present:

Warren Rupnarain, Accessibility Coordinator, Graham Seaman, Senior Manager of the Sustainability Office and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Arlene Juanillo, Vice-Chair and Robert Hunn

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Kerry's Place Autism Services	Mike Morris from Kerry's Place Autism Services was in attendance to provide a presentation on autism. The presentation provided an overview of the different types of autism, the spectrum of autism, statistics regarding autism and possible causes for autism spectrum disorder. A copy of the presentation will be circulated to the Committee. A Committee Member asked what type of challenges Kerry's Place Autism Services is facing in the delivering of its services. Some of the difficulties in delivering programs for persons with autism in York Region are as follows: (1) the population in York Region is very disperse; (2) promoting and creating awareness of the programs; (3) designing programs for the wide range of persons with autism spectrum disorder. The Committee suggested that Kerry's Place Autism Services be promoted at the 2014 Accessibility Fair.	

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2. Accessible Taxi Cabs	This item was deferred to the next meeting, as the presenter was unable to attend the meeting.	
3. Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award	There was a brief discussion on why the Committee re-opened its decision regarding the 2014 Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award. The decision was re-opened based on new information that was presented to the Committee. In light of the new information, the Committee decided to continue its partnership with the Markham Board of Trade for the 2014 Accessibility Award. As the Committee will now be responsible for interviewing the nominees and for selecting the award winners, which will give it the control over the award it was seeking. The Committee reviewed the memo prepared by Warren Rupnarain regarding the Board of Trade interview process for the 2014 Accessibility Award. Committee Members were asked to volunteer to conduct the interviews. The following persons volunteered to conduct the interviews: • Kristen Hayes • Brendan Faulkner • Cindy Jones Shrek • Sidney Polak • Councillor Alan Ho • Councillor Don Hamilton • Jacqueline Bell Having a physical interview will help the Committee evaluate the accessible features of the businesses nominated. Warren Rupnarain reviewed the criteria used to select the 2013 Accessibility Award winners, noting the criteria were created by the Committee last year. All nominees will be evaluated based on the criteria. Some of the criteria included: having accessible parking; having	

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	accessible washrooms; providing access to goods and services; and providing workplace accommodation to persons with a disability. The criteria will be circulated to the Committee to review. Moved by Brendan Faulkner Seconded by Sid Polak That the recommendations for the interview process for the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award be approved; and, That the interview process be reviewed in February 2015. CARRIED	Email the Committee criteria for the Accessibility Award – Warren Rupnarain Review the interview criteria for the Accessibility Award in Feb. 2015 – All Committee Members
Review of the Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. A minor correction was made on page 10 of the minutes. Moved by Brendon Faulkner Seconded by Joan Jenkyn That the April 16, 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as amended. CARRIED The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. Brenda Faulkner reported that he will email Regional Councillor Landon regarding the Committee's accessibility concerns with respect to traffic controls when he has an opportunity. It was noted that the City of Markham takes accessibility into consideration in its street designs.	

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	Last year the curve cuts were fixed on Yonge Street to improve its accessibility for local residents.	
Sub-Committee Reports	A. Site Plan Sub-Committee An update on the accessibility feature of the South East Community Centre will be presented at the next meeting. B. Promotions Sub-Committee The Promotions Sub-Committee met a few time via teleconference to discuss the event undertaking of the Accessibility Fair. Some of the topics discussed included: • Time of the Accessibility Fair – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Location of the Accessibility Fair – either Cornell or Angus Glen Community Centre due to the accessible design of these facilities • Theme of the Accessibility Fair– diversity (e.g. accessibility challenges within the Asian Community) • Budget of the Accessibility Fair – approximately \$2,500 • Promotion of the Accessibility Fair – half a page in the <u>Markham Economist & Sun</u>, on Markham Today’s website and on York Region School Board’s internal website. • Activities – accessible sport demonstrations will be provided, including: ballroom dancing; basketball; and neurological movement; • Invitations to the Accessibility Fair – inviting past award recipients of the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Fair to the event. C. Accessibility Recreation Sub-Committee Warren Rupnarain advised that the Accessibility Recreation Sub-Committee is currently inactive.	

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	D. Accessibility Outreach Sub-Committee No report was provided.	
New Business	The Brian Injury Association of York Region Brian Lynch advised the Committee that the Brian Injury Association of York Region will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2014. Local Film Fest Making Film Accessible An article entitled “Local Film Fest Making Film Accessible” was circulated to the Committee for information purposes. <u>Meeting Date</u> A Committee Member inquired whether the meeting time could be changed from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. to 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to allow members more time to get to the meeting. The Committee Clerk will survey the Committee on this matter and report back at the next meeting.	Survey Committee regarding the meeting time – Committee Clerk
Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:30 p.m.	

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Action Items

No.	Action Item	Responsibility of Staff/Committee Member	Completion Date	Status
1.	Engagement with Markham's BIA's	Warren Rupnarain	On going	
2.	Invite organizations representing different types of disabilities to present at future Advisory Committee on Accessibility Meetings	Warren Rupnarain	On going	
3.	Include in the Site Plan for the gas station at Major Mackenzie and Don Cousens how it will provide accessible service.	David Miller	Spring 2014	
4.	Contact the Provincial Liaison regarding the Committee's concern that Markham's Service Ontario Offices are not accessible and invite them to come to a future meeting to address this concern	Warren Rupnarain	June 2014	
5.	Bring Committee's accessibility concerns regarding Markville Mall to the malls attention	Councillor Don Hamilton	June 2014	
6.	Ask Christopher Alexander about Toronto's accessible taxi cabs	Laura Gold	June 2014	
7.	Email Regional Councillor Landon regarding the Committee's traffic control concerns	Brendan Faulkner	June 2014	

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8.	Email the Committee the criteria for Accessibility Award	Warren Rupnarain	June 2014	
9.	Review the interview criteria for the Accessibility Award in Feb. 2015	All Committee Members	February 2015	
10.	Survey the Committee regarding the meeting time.	Laura Gold	June 2014	