

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

April 16, 2014

Canada Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Alan Ho, Sidney Polak, Chair Arlene Juanillo, Vice-Chair, Robert Hunn, Kristen Hayes, Brendan Faulkner, Joan Jenkyn, Brian Lynch, Cindy Jones Shrek

Staff Present:

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

Regrets: Keith Irish and Tammy Mok

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:35 p.m. with Sidney Polak presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of Minutes and Review of Action Items	There was a typo corrected in the minutes and Clerk was asked to verify that all new taxi licenses issued in Toronto will be for accessible taxi cabs. Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton Seconded by Kristen Hayes That the March 19, 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Committee Minutes be adopted as amended. Review of Action Items: The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting and the following updates were provided: Brendan Faulkner will email Regional Councillor Gord Landon the Committee's traffic control concerns.	Ask Christopher Alexander about Toronto's accessible taxi cabs – Laura Gold Email Regional Councillor Landon regarding the Committee's traffic control concerns – Brendan Faulkner

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3. Markham Board of Trade Award	Graham Seaman, Senior Manager of the Sustainability Office provided an update on the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award. The Markham Board of Trade has now made a proposal to allow the Committee to judge the nominations for the award, recommending that a set of criteria be used to evaluate the nominations. There was a discussion on the benefits of running the Accessibility Award through the Markham Board of Trade. Some of the benefits included: the promotion/advertisement of the award; the visibility of the award; an invitation to attend a very impressive gala; and the increased awareness of the award through the repetition of providing the award through the Markham Board of Trade. After some discussion the Committee agreed to continue to hold the Accessibility Award through the Markham Board of Trade. It was also agreed that all of the nominees would be honoured at the Accessibility Fair and that the award winners would be recognized at a Special Council Meeting after the Markham Board of Trade awards ceremony. The Committee requested that a representative from the Markham Board of Trade come to a future meeting to present the benefits of holding the award with the Board of Trade. Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility re-open the decision regarding holding the Accessibility Award with the Markham Board of Trade.	Invite a representative from the Markham Board of Trade to come speak about the benefits of holding the Accessibility Award with the Board of Trade – Graham Seaman CARRIED

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	Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke Seconded by Cindy Jones Shrek That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility proceed with the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award in 2014; and, That the nominees for the Markham Board of Trade Award be recognized at the Accessibility Fair; and, That the winners be nominated at a Special Council Meeting to be held after the Markham Board of Trade Awards Ceremony. CARRIED	
4. Work Plan	The Committee reviewed its proposed work plan. The need for sub-committees to hold regular meetings outside of the regularly scheduled meetings was emphasized. The work plan included priority areas for each of the Sub-Committees to focus on. These priority areas included the following: Business Outreach Sub-Committee (1) Working with the business improvement areas to improve the accessibility of local businesses; (2) Reviewing site plans; (3) Providing presentations to small businesses on the benefits of making their	

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	businesses accessible. Promotions Sub-Committee (1) Accessibility Fair; (2) Award Recognition program for accessible businesses in Markham; (3) Community engagement as it relates to accessibility services offered by Markham. The Sub-Committees can develop more specific goals and objective under these categories. For example the Promotions Sub-Committee would like to look at job opportunities for persons with a disability under community engagement as it relates to accessibility services offered in Markham. Moved by Brendan Faulkner Seconded by Joan Jenkyn That the 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Work Plan, as attached as appendix A. CARRIED	
5. Sub-Committee Updates	<u>Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee</u> Joan Jenkyn provided the Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee report. The sub-committee may be dissolved, as members are meeting regularly at other meetings to discuss similar issues and membership is dwindling. The April 9th meeting was cancelled. The Accessibility Coordinator was requested to investigate this matter further	Follow up with Marsha Mariani on the status of the Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee - Warren Rupnarain

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	and report back to the Committee. A copy of the Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee will be circulated to the Committee by email. <u>Promotions Sub-Committee</u> No report was provided. <u>Site Plan Review Sub-Committee</u> No report was provided.	Circulate copy of Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee Report to the Committee – Laura Gold
6. New Business	<u>Recreation Fair</u> Jaqueline Bell advised the Committee of a recreation fair being held on May 10, 2014, at the Armadale Community Centre, which will highlight accessible recreational programs for teens and adults in Markham. <u>Process for Making Agenda Requests and for Circulating Communications</u> All agenda requests and communications should be circulated to the Chair, the Accessibility Coordinator and the Committee Coordinator prior to circulating to the Committee. <u>Committee Chair</u> The Chair advised that due to personal reasons he may not be able to continue in the role of Chair.	
7. Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on	

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8. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:32 p.m.	

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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	May 2014	
5.	Bring Committee's accessibility concerns regarding Markville Mall to the malls attention	Councillor Don Hamilton	May 2014	
6.	Ask Christopher Alexander about Toronto's accessible taxi cabs	Laura Gold	May 2014	
7.	Follow up with Marsha Mariani on the status of the Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee	Warren Rupnarain	May 2014	
8.	Invite a representative from the Markham Board of Trade to come speak about the benefits of holding the Accessibility Award with them	Graham Seaman	May 2014	
9.	Email Regional Councillor Landon regarding the Committee's traffic control concerns	Brendan Faulkner	May 2014	

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10.	Circulate copy of Accessible Sport/Recreation Sub-Committee Report to the Committee	Laura Gold	May 2014	