

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

November 20, 2013

Canada Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present:, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Alan Ho, Sidney Polak, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Kristen Hayes, Joan Jenkyn, Tammy Mok and Brian Lynch

Staff Present:

Warren Ruparain, Accessibility Coordinator, Graham Seaman, Senior Manager of the Sustainability Office, Stephen Corr, Planner, David Miller, Manager of Development East, John Owen, Consultant and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Valerie Burke, Arlene Juanillo and Cindy Jones Shrek

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:35 p.m. with Sydney Polak presiding as Chair.	
2. Accessibility Enhancements to Main Street Markham	<p>Sally Campbell, Planning was in attendance to provide an update on the Accessibility enhancements to Main Street Markham. The following update was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• East side of the road is complete;• Sidewalk is 2 meters wide;• Step within the right-of-way on the public side of the sidewalk has been removed;• Fixed grading where possible;• Sidewalks have Urban Braille paving treatment. <p>Pictures of the accessibility enhancements on Main Street Markham were displayed to the Committee and the possibility of using temporary ramps to make the private businesses more accessible was discussed.</p>	

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	<p>The Committee discussed the process that was undertaken to approve patios on Main Street Markham and how the pedestrians will travel around the patios.</p> <p>A Committee Member questioned why the construction on Main Street Markham was taking so long to complete. Staff advised that the City is working hard to move the project along and to minimize disruption to businesses.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes and Review of Action Items</p>	<p>The name of the Markham Accessibility Fair was corrected in the October 16, 2013 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Committee Minutes.</p> <p>The following recommendations were made for the 2014 Markham Accessibility Fair by a Member who was not in attendance at the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider advertising next year's event in SNAP Magazine; • Avoid holding the event on the same day as the Children's Festival; • Consider writing a review about the event in the Markham Review. <p>Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton Seconded by Arlene Juanillo</p> <p>That the Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Advisory Committee on Accessibility be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p><u>Review of Action Items</u> The Committee reviewed and updated the list of action items. The following update was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accessibility Coordinator will invite an organization that focuses on Autism to present at the next meeting and an organization that focuses on hearing disabilities to present at the January or February meeting; • Metrolinx's will provide a presentation on the Accessibility Plans for Viva at the January meeting; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All floors of the Hilton Conference Centre located at Warden and Highway 7 now have accessible washrooms; • A tour of the Abilities Centre in Whitby will be scheduled to occur in January 2014; • The Committee will prioritize its activities for 2014 at the January meeting. <p>The Committee discussed creating a new Sub-Committee that focuses on outreach to the businesses community on the benefits of making their businesses more accessible. It was suggested that the Committee focus on improving the accessibility of medical facilities located in Markham.</p> <p>Moved by Joan Jenkyn Seconded by Sid Polak</p> <p>That an Accessibility Outreach Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility be established; and,</p> <p>That the mandate of the Sub-Committee be to engage the business community on the benefits of making their businesses accessible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>4. Sub-Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Accessibility Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>Joan Jenkyn provided an update from the September 11, 2013 Accessibility, Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee meeting. Notes from the meeting were circulated to the Committee. It was requested that a link to the website created by the Accessibility, Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee be provided to the Committee.</p>	<p>Provide Committee with link to website – Council/Committee Coordinator</p>

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<p>5. New Business</p>	<p><u>New Website Helps Canadians</u> An article entitled “New Website Helps Canadians: with disabilities stay connected” was circulated to the Committee for information purposes. The web address discussed in the article is as follows: www.wirelessaccessibility.ca</p> <p><u>Key Performance Indicators</u> A document created by Arlene Juanillo on key performance indicators was brought back to the committee. It was suggested that the committee use this document to track its goals and objectives for the year.</p> <p><u>Access to Markham</u> A Member suggested that the Access to Markham document be updated. A suggested format for the document was provided.</p> <p><u>Paperless Agenda</u> The Committee requested that an update on the City’s paperless agenda initiative be provided. The Committee Clerk advised that the agenda will be circulated in an e-agenda format, but that paper copies of the agenda will still be provided at Advisory Committee meetings at this point in time.</p> <p><u>Interactive Map</u> An interactive map that shows accessible locations in Markham is being created to be placed on the website.</p> <p><u>Christmas Fundraiser</u> The Chair advised that Christmas ornaments are for sale for \$5 dollars on Main Street Markham. The proceeds go towards helping disadvantaged children over Christmas.</p>	
<p>6. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on December 18, 2013 in the Canada Room.</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 4:41 p.m.</p>	

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Action Items

No.	Action Item	Responsibility of Staff/Committee Member	Completion Date	Status
1.	Decide whether the Committee will support a 2014 Accessible Board of Trade Award	All Committee Members	December 2013	
2.	Engagement with Markham's BIA's	Warren Rupnarain	On going	
3.	Invite organizations representing different types of disabilities to present at future Advisory Committee on Accessibility Meetings	Warren Rupnarain	On going	
4.	Include in the Site Plan for gas station at Major Mackenzie and Don Cousens how it will provide accessible service	David Miller	December 2013	
5.	Provide Committee with the web address of the website created by the Accessibility, Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee	Laura Gold	December 2013	