

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

May 15, 2013

Canada Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Alan Ho, Sidney Polak, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Joan Jenkyn, Arlene Juanillo, Brian Lynch and Cindy Jones Shrek Staff Present: Eric Lariviere, Director of Flato Markham Theatre, Warren Rupnarain, Accessibility Coordinator, Graham Seaman, Senior Manager of the Sustainability Office and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator Regrets: Kristen Hayes
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:38 p.m. with Sidney Polak presiding as Chair.	
2. MARKHAM ACCESSIBILITY FAIR	Cindy Jones Shrek provided the following update on Markham's Accessibility Fair: - Confirmed that the event will be held on September 7, 2013 at Thornhill Community Centre - time is to be determined; - Encouraged the Committee to assist with finding sponsors for the event; - Asked for suggestions regarding possible demonstrations, speakers or performers for the event; - Finalizing vendor and promotional materials for the event; - Possibly having an Easter Seal Representative as a guest speaker at the event. A timeline of the major activities for the event was circulated to the Committee. A sample of the exhibitor's package was circulated to the Committee.	
3. YORK REGION MOBILITY MAZE	Tyler Barker and other Representatives from Concerned Citizens for Accessibility and Mobility were in attendance to speak about the York Region Mobility Maze. The purpose of the maze is to promote awareness of the challenges disabled patrons face when using York Region Transit (e.g. having only one Mobility Plus bus that can accommodate a larger wheelchair in York Region). The Committee was encouraged to come out to the event.	

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4. THEATRE SEATING	Eric Lariviere, Director of Flato Markham Theatre, was in attendance to provide an update on the accessibility retrofitting of Markham Theatre. Some of the accessibility upgrades included a ramp in the front, an elevator from the lobby to the lower atrium, improvements to the washrooms in the lobby, improvements to the performer's washroom and railings that were to be added inside the Theatre. There will be up to ten theatre seats for patrons in a wheelchair. The number of accessible seats available at the theatre performance will be based on demand. The Committee questioned if there would be accessible seating available at the front of the theatre. The Director of Markham Theatre advised that there would only be accessible seating available at the back of the Theatre. It was suggested that a discount be provided for the accessible seating, as it is located at the back of the Theatre.	
5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THERE FROM	Moved by Joan Jenkyn Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho That the April 17, 2013 Advisory Committee on Accessibility Minutes be approved as presented. <u>Review of Action Items</u> The Committee reviewed the list of action items.	CARREID
6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS	A. Site Plan Sub-Committee A Site Plan Sub-Committee will be held on May 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. to review the interior design of the South East Markham Community Centre. The whole committee was encouraged to attend this meeting. B. Promotion Sub-Committee No report was provided.	Attend Site Plan Sub-Committee meeting on May 24, 2013 – all Committee Members

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	C. Accessibility Sport Recreation Sub-Committee No report was provided.	
7. BOARD OF TRADE AWARD	Warren Rupnarain reported that no nominations have been received to date for the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award. The Committee discussed possible businesses that could be nominated in Markham for the award. Everyone was encouraged to nominate a business. It was noted that the deadline to submit the award is Friday, May 17, 2013.	Submit Board of Trade nominations – All Committee Members
8. NEW BUSINESS	Robert Hunn provided a Toronto Public Libraries brochure to staff to give to Markham’s library staff. The brochure listed a number of accessible services available to its library patrons.	Provide Toronto Public Library Brochure to Library Staff – Warren Rupnarain
9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	June 19, 2013, 3:30 p.m. Canada Room.	
10. ADJOURNMENT	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:00 p.m.	

Advisory Committee on Accessibility Action Items

No.	Action Item	Responsibility of Staff/Committee Member	Completion Date	Status
1.	Invite Regan to a future Advisory Committee on Accessibility Committee meeting so that the Committee can decide its next steps with respect to the retrofitting of heritage properties	All Committee Members	April 2013	Under Review
2.	Possibly place a budget request for a pilot project, which would entail conducting accessibility audits of businesses	Graham Seaman	Spring/Summer 2013	
3.	Decide whether the Committee will support a 2014 Accessible Board of Trade Award		September 2013	
4.	Consult a person with a visual impairment on the patio options for Main Street Markham and provide their feedback to Sally Campbell	Warren Rupnarain	May 2013	Completed
6.	Review the Diversity Checklist and provide feedback to the Diversity Coordinator	All Committee Members	June 2013	
7.	Engagement with Markham's BIA's	Warren Rupnarain	On going	
8.	Attend Site Plan Sub-Committee meeting on May 24, 2013	All Committee Members	June 2013	
9.	Submit Board of Trade nominations	Warren Rupnarain	June 2013	
10.	Provide Toronto Public Library Brochure to Library Staff	Warren Rupnarain	June 2013	