

Advisory Committee on Accessibility

June 15, 2016

Ontario Room

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Karen Rea, Brendan Faulkner, Co-Chair, , Robert Hunn, Jason Tung, Catherine Hughes, , and Brian Lynch

Staff Present:

Sabrina Bordone, Senior Planner, Richard Kendall, Manager of Development, Central, Dennis Flaherty, Director of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement, Lisa Lombardo, Communications Advisory, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Senior Diversity Coordinator, and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Kristin Hayes, Co-Chair, Jaqueline Bell, Arlene Juanillo, Tammy Mok and Keith Irish

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 3:50 pm with Robert Hunn presiding as Chair. The Committee welcomed Jason Tung the new member of the Committee.	
2. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Brendan Faulkner Seconded by Bryan Lynch That the Minutes from the May 18, 2016, Advisory Committee on Accessibility be approved as presented. CARRIED	
3. Proposed New Stand Alone Structure at Markville Mall	Uzo Rossouw and Aly Hamdy, representatives from Cadillac Fairview were in attendance to provide a presentation on a proposed new stand alone structure at Markville Mall. The proposal is to redevelop the Sears retail unit and the parking area behind it.	

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	<p>The Committee asked the following questions:</p> <p>Can the structure be attached to the mall?</p> <p>There is not enough room for the structures to be attached.</p> <p>Can there be a pedestrian bridge connection to the structure?</p> <p>This option was explored, but it was determined that it would be too expensive and that the project will no longer be financial viable.</p> <p>When do you plan on starting the project?</p> <p>The goal is to start the project in the fall of 2016 and to complete it in the spring of 2017.</p> <p>Will the project eliminate the number of accessible parking spots?</p> <p>The mall will retain the same percentage of accessible parking spots as it currently has.</p> <p>Will Mobility Plus and other types of accessible transportation be able to easily access the area?</p> <p>The driveway will be designed to accommodate fire and emergency vehicles along with accessible vehicles.</p> <p>Will there be markers for the visually impaired?</p>	

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	<p>Yes, the sidewalks will be widened and there will be curved impressions to help the visually impaired negotiate the site.</p> <p>The Committee Members requested that a curve cut be put in front of the restaurant Joeys located at Markville Mall. The representatives from Markville mall stated that they have an operational budget for these types of requests.</p>	
<p>4. Corporate Communications Update</p>	<p>Dennis Flaherty and Lisa Lombardi, Corporate Communications & Community Engagement were in attendance to speak about the type of support their department can provide to committees. They suggested the following ways of raising the profile of Markham’s committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve how Boards/Committees are promoted on the website, as part of the redevelopment of the website; • Include a spread in the next Markham Life on Markham’s Advisory Committees, which highlights some of the key activities/events undertaken by each committee; • Help create a handout, which promotes the Committee’s mandate and the activities it undertakes • Look at creating a designated email address for each committee, noting the staff person will need to manage the email account • Can promote the committee events through the City’s twitter account to 7,000 engaged followers, noting that committees can re-tweet the City’s twitter to their contacts • Could create a hash tag for each committee • Can help committees reach target audiences through the City’s social media • Could create a Corporate Communication tip sheet for advisory committees 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can promote committee events on the City’s electronic boards • Can help raise the profile of Markham’s committees, which will help attract new members • Can work with the Committee to create a promotional campaign to improve the promotion of larger committee events, provided advance notice is given • Could put committee communications in a central location located at Civic Centre • Could hold a committee open house to help promote awareness of the committee 	
<p>5. Markham Board of Trade Award</p>	<p>Laura Gold advised that she was unsure how many nominations were submitted for the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award.</p> <p>The Committee discussed how it could raise the awareness of the Markham Board of Trade Accessibility Award.</p>	
<p>6. Accessibility Fair</p>	<p>The Committee asked for more committee and staff support in the planning and undertaking of the Accessibility Fair. It noted that there are some tasks that need to be done during office hours, which make them challenging for Committee Members to undertake.</p> <p>Laura Gold agreed to bring this matter to staff’s attention.</p>	<p>Bring up the Committee’s request for more staff support with staff – Laura Gold</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>Brian Lynch reported that he attended a focus group on transit plans, and a meeting on inclusiveness, which were both hosted by York Region. Some of the transit updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subway coming to Vaughan • A new Cornell bus terminal • The Highway 7 multi-use pathway 	

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8. Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will be held on September 17, 2016.	
9. Adjournment	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 5:35 pm	

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	Fall 2016	
3.	Look into why an accessible parking spot was placed in front of the Church on Main Street Markham.	Cheryl McConney-Wilson, and Sally Campbell	Fall 2016	
4.	Report back on accessible taxi cabs after the report on Uber goes to Council.	Chris Alexander	September 2016	
5.	Inquire about getting more staff support in the planning and undertaking of the Accessibility Fair.	Laura Gold	September 2016	