



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

February 16, 2022

Electronic Meeting

Members: C. Davies, A. Dennis, L. Fortnum, L. Gold, D. Hamilton, K. Hill,
J. Simmons, V. Spatafora, A. Tocco, T. Vegh, S. Wollin

Staff: D. Ashton, K. Bacani-Angus, J. Burgis, K. Chislett, V. Choe,
C. Clark, T. Cline, L. Crawford, L. Davies, T. De Rose, J. Dolly,
S. Doyle, K. Farahani, A. Griepsma, M. Herder, T. Kirkwood,
A. Lauzon, C. Martin, M. McEnroe, S. Meehan, V. Navolskyy,
H. Samater, J. Silva, C. Simic, E. Straughan

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Vegh called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and made the following remarks:

“We acknowledge the land we are meeting on today is the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit. These lands are now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples.

We also acknowledge that York Region falls under Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties with several Mississauga and Chippewas First Nations.”

B. Election of Vice Chair

Committee elected Joann Simmons as Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the balance of the term.

C. Disclosures of Interest

None

D. Presentations

D.1 New Men's Emergency and Transitional Housing Project in Aurora

Committee received the presentation by Melissa McEnroe, Manager, Affordable Housing Development, Housing Services, Community and Health Services and Colin Simic, Program Manager, Affordable Housing Development, Housing Services, Community and Health Services.

D.2 Engagement for Draft 2021 Regional Official Plan

Committee received the presentation by Sonja Meehan, Senior Planner, Corporate Services.

E. Deputations

None

F. Communications

F.1 17150 Yonge Street Achieves Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Gold Certification

Committee received the memorandum from Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services dated February 16, 2022.

F.2 2022 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Committee received the memorandum from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk dated November 1, 2021.

G. Other Business

G.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Lois Davies, Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services provided updates as follows:

G.1.1 Transportation Master Plan Focus Group

An invitation was circulated to invite participation from the committee members in the Transportation Master Plan Focus Group scheduled for February 25, 2022.

G.1.2 Single-Use Items Focus Group

Environmental Services staff will hold virtual focus groups on various dates and is seeking input from committee members regarding potential barriers of the voluntary single-use reduction strategy.

G.1.3 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Recruitment

The current four-year term of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee will be coming to an end in September. Members may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms, after which they must take a break of at least one four-year term before re-applying. Members who have served for one term and wish to continue are not required to re-apply.

G.1.4 2021 Accessibility Status Report

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requires posting of the 2021 Accessibility Status Report, which has been completed.

G.1.5 2021 Accessibility Compliance Report

The 2021 Accessibility Compliance Report has been submitted to the province, which is required every two years.

G.1.6 York Region's Response to K-12 Education Standard

York Region staff has submitted comments to the province in response to its proposed legislation of the K-12 Education Standard.

H. Adjournment

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.