



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 26, 2023

Electronic Meeting

Members: N. Davison, A. Ho, B. Barra-Berger, C. Davies, R. DiGiovanni,
S. Foglia, L. Gold, L. Hulme-Smith, K. Malsi, A. Musavi,
V. Spatafora, A. Tocco, S. Wollin

Staff: K. Bacani-Angus, V. Choe, C. Clark, L. Davies, S. Doyle,
A. Griepsma, M. Herder, H. Holland, A. Lauzon, S. Maio,
D. MacDonald, V. Navolskyy, I. Soneji, E. Straughan, A. Walter,
K. Wishart, B. Wu

A. Call to Order

Carol Clark, Committee Coordinator, Office of the Regional Clerk called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

B. Election of Vice Chair

The Committee elected Steve Foglia as Vice Chair for 2023.

Steve Foglia chaired the balance of the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

C. Land Acknowledgement

Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer, People Equity and Culture, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer provided the following land acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and

Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

D. Disclosures of Interest

None

E. Accessibility Updates

E.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Lois Davies, Manager, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer provided the following updates:

20th Anniversary of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC)

June 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC).

YRAACs have worked to ensure York Region and York Regional Police have met, and in some cases exceeded the requirements of the Provincial accessibility legislation and its standards.

Since the first YRAAC was established, there have been five different terms of AACs at York Region. Collectively, YRAACs have participated in 95 formal meetings and have provided feedback and consultation on over 250 presentations.

Members of this Committee have also participated in focus groups, surveys and various testing sessions, all with the purpose of sharing lived experiences in order to make regional programs, services and facilities more accessible.

YRAAC has also been involved in organizing and hosting many professional development events and forums.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of YRAAC, a celebration will be held during National AccessAbility Week, which takes place this year from May 28 to June 3, 2023.

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW)

National AccessAbility Week is an annual event and an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities, and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.

This year the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the YRAAC will be combined with York Region's corporate National Accessibility week celebrations.

YRAAC Photo

More details on a time and date will follow regarding having a 2023-2026 YRAAC photo taken.

F. Presentations

F.1 Consultation on York Region Brand and Accessibility for Digital Communication

Committee received the presentation by Andrea Griepsma, Manager, Digital, Design and Public Relations, Corporate Communications, Corporate Services and Heather Holland, Corporate Graphic Design Specialist, Corporate Communications, Corporate Services.

F.2 Consultation on the York Region 2023 to 2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Committee received the presentation by Kim Bacani-Angus, Lead, Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and Valentyna Navolskyy, Senior Policy Specialist, Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

G. Deputations

None

H. Communications

H.1 Citizen Member Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 - 2026 Term

Committee received the communication from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk dated March 1, 2023.

H.2 2023 Meeting Dates for the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Committee received the communication from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk dated March 23, 2023.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.