



## Minutes

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 22, 2022

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: K. Bacani-Angus, J. Burgis, K. Chislett, V. Choe, C. Clark,  
L. Davies, J. Dolly, S. Doyle, K. Farahani, M. Herder,  
T. Kirkwood, A. Lauzon, C. Martin, V. Navolskyy, R. Ramos,  
J. Silva, J. Smith, E. Straughan

Other: YRP: Chief J. MacSween, Regional Chair Emmerson (YRPSB  
Vice Chair), R. Al-Amry, R. Hogan, R. Tomei

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#### A. Call to Order

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

"I would like to begin today's meeting by acknowledging that the land we are meeting on today is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples such as 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. This land is now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples.

York Region is located within the boundaries of the Nanfan Treaty, Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaties. There are also other land claims and treaty rights involving portions of York Region that have not been resolved. The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is a Williams Treaty First Nation and the closest First Nation community to York Region."

**B. Disclosures of Interest**

None

**C. Accessibility Updates**

**C.1 Update on Accessibility Activities**

Committee received the following verbal updates from Lois Davies, Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services:

**C.1.1 2022 National AccessAbility Week Celebrations**

York Region's Community of Belonging for Staff with Disabilities hosted a Lunch and Learn for York Region staff on June 1, 2022, which included an interactive panel discussion where attendees learned how staff can access accommodations they need, technology that can support them and how they can advocate for their colleagues.

Also on June 1, 2022, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC) planning subcommittee held the 2022 National AccessAbility Week Professional Development forum event. Subcommittee members included:

- Scott Wollin – Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Lindsey Gold – Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Laurie Fortnum
- Vito Spatafora

As Co-Chair of the Forum Event Subcommittee, Scott Wollin provided an update.

### **C.1.2 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee End of Term Celebration Update**

This is the last business meeting of the YRAAC for the 2019 – 2022 term. An in-person celebratory event is planned for September 21, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The details will be shared through the summer months and may be subject to change depending on Public Health guidance.

### **C.1.3 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Recruitment Update**

Recruitment of new citizen members will take place this fall for the upcoming 2023 to 2026 term of the YRAAC. Applicants must be York Region residents with a disability or work with residents with disabilities in York Region.

Interested parties are asked to email [aoda@york.ca](mailto:aoda@york.ca).

### **C.1.4 End of Term Survey**

YRAAC members will be receiving an end of term survey, along with a call out for volunteers to participate in a photo opportunity for the upcoming recruitment and other accessibility materials.

## **D. Presentations**

### **D.1 York Regional Police 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Consultation with York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Regional Chair Emmerson, Vice Chair, York Regional Police Services Board provided an introduction and thanked the YRAAC members for providing their input into the 2023 - 2025 York Regional Police Business Plan.

York Regional Police Chief MacSween provided an overview of the 2023-2025 York Regional Police Business Plan and welcomed open and honest input from the YRAAC members.

Committee received the presentation by Rania Al-Amry and Roberto Tomei, Planners, Planning, Research & Evaluation Unit, York Regional Police.

Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

**D.2 Seeking Advice from the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Implementation**

Committee received the presentation by Rodel Ramos, Program Manager, and Janel Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Community Partnerships, Community and Health Services.

**E. Deputations**

None

**F. Communications**

**F.1 Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Redesign Project Update**

Committee recommends receipt of the memorandum dated June 8, 2022 from Kyle Catney, Acting Director, Transit Operations, Public Works.

**G. Other Business**

None

**H. Adjournment**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.