



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

September 27, 2023

Electronic Meeting

- Members: T. Vegh, N. Davison, A. Ho, B. Barra-Berger, C. Davies,
R. DiGiovanni, S. Foglia, L. Gold, L. Hulme-Smith , B. Keshen,
K. Malsi, A. Musavi, A. Tocco, S. Wollin
- Staff: S. Ayres, K. Bacani-Angus, V. Choe, A. Griepsma, K. Heathcote,
M. Herder, T. Kirkwood, S. Maio, C. Martin, V. Navolskyy,
T. Sergnese, I. Soneji, E. Straughan, B. Switzer, N. Weinroth,
B. Wu
- Other: Lois Davies, Inspector Dave MacDonald (YRP), Police Constable
Allison Varcoe (YRP)
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A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Vegh called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Regional Councillor Vegh made the following 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.”

C. Disclosures of Interest

None

D. Deputations

D.1 My MS Family - The Right to Accessibility

Committee received the deputation by Peter Busciglio, President and Co-Chair and Peter DeCampos, Board Member and Director of Special Events from the My MS Family.

E. Accessibility Updates

E.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Committee received the following verbal updates from Kim Bacani-Angus Lead, Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

Retirement of Lois Davies

Lois Davies, Manager, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, is retiring after 18 years at York Region. Lois's many accomplishments include supporting and engaging with the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee since its inception in 2005, leading York Region's Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Group to develop the Inclusion Charter for York Region, and continuous dedication towards advancing matters related to accessibility, diversity, equity and inclusion for the past 18 years.

Several Committee members spoke fondly about Lois and extended their best wishes.

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Consultations and Next Steps

The Draft Plan was posted for public input from June 26 to July 31 and total of 34 responses and more than 100 comments were received. The feedback was mostly positive and included suggestions on areas of improvement. Work is underway to incorporate the feedback into the report to be brought forward for Council's consideration in November 2023.

2023 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors

A Special Regional Council meeting will be held on October 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. on the proposed directions for the 2023 to 2027 York Region plan to Support Seniors. Interested members were encouraged to tune in to the meeting to learn more regarding the renewed plan and engagement results.

Reminder for Photos for York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

Members were reminded to submit their headshot photo for inclusion in the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan committee photo.

York Regional Forest (YRF) Accessible Tracts - Instagram Reel

On behalf of the AODA Information and Communications group, an [Instagram reel](#) featuring the four York Regional Forest accessible trails was shared. The reel highlighted various accessibility features along the trails. It was the highest performing reel which had close to 11,000 views, 367 likes and 81 shares over a span of one month. The members appreciated the outreach and awareness generated from this reel regarding accessible trails available in York Region.

F. Presentations

F.1 Supporting Each Other: YRP Internal Support Network

Committee received the presentation by Inspector Dave MacDonald, Court Operations and Administration and Police Constable Allison Varcoe, Digital Evidence Management Systems Unit, York Regional Police.

Committee recessed at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened at 5:09 p.m.

F.2 2024-2027 Child Care and Early Years' Service System Plan

Committee received the presentation by Tamara Sergnese, Acting Director of Integrated Children's Services and Naomi Weinroth, Manager of Child Care Initiatives, Integrated Children's Services, Social Services Branch, Community and Health Services Department.

G. Communications

None

H. Other Business

H.1 Next Meeting of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled on November 22, 2023 at 4 p.m.

I. Adjournment

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.