



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 21, 2023

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: K. Abbas, S. Ayres, S. Baldo, K. Catney, V. Choe, C. Clark, N. Costa, S. Doyle, A. Griepsma, K. Heathcote, M. Herder, T. Kirkwood, V. Kohli, D. MacDonald, C. Martin, V. Navolsky, B. Robertson, E. Straughan, B. Wu

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. Accessibility Updates

D.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Committee received the following verbal updates from Valentyna Navolskyy, Senior Policy Specialist, Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

Retirement of Sharon Doyle

Sharon Doyle, Manager, Mobility On-Request, Transit, Transportation Services is retiring after more than 20 years at York Region. Sharon's many accomplishments include managing the Mobility On-Request program (formerly Mobility Plus) to ensure access to transit for those finding conventional bus services challenging. Sharon also contributed to the development of the Travel Training Program, encouraging numerous consultations with the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Sharon has also supported the recruitment and selection of Accessibility Advisory Committee members and directly supported Mobility On-Request services for members during in-person meetings.

Several committee members spoke fondly about Sharon, providing examples of her dedication to accessibility.

York Regional Forest Engagement Opportunities

York Regional Forest Accessible Trails Photoshoot

Committee members are invited to participate in a photoshoot to take place in July, as part of an upcoming campaign to promote the York Regional Forest accessible trails.

York Regional Forest Trail Planning, Design and Management Guidelines

Another opportunity for committee members, their family members and/or support persons will be an interactive consultation to develop York Regional

Forest trail planning, design and management guidelines. This consultation will take place on July 26, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hollidge Tract accessible trail in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

York Regional Forest Sign Design Standards

Committee members are also invited to participate in a pop-up feedback session on June 24, 2023 about York Regional Forest design standards focusing on signage along the trails.

Seniors Strategy Virtual Focus Group

Committee members will be invited to a virtual focus group to take place in August to provide input on the proposed 2023 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors. Information on the proposed plan is available at york.ca/PlanForSeniors, or from Frances Morton-Chang, Program Manager, Seniors Strategy at frances.morton-chang@york.ca.

Photos for York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Members and Councillors

The committee photo, which is included in each Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will take on a different look this term in that headshots will be compiled into a group photo.

2023 Accessibility Compliance Report

Work is underway to organize and prepare for the completion and submission of the 2023 Accessibility Compliance Report, which is due to the Province of Ontario by December 31, 2023.

National AccessAbility Week and York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee 20th Anniversary

May 28 to June 3, 2023 was National AccessAbility Week and also the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee.

E. Presentations

E.1 Consultation on the Draft York Region 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

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

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

E.2 York Region Traveller Safety Plan Consultation

Committee received the presentation by Nelson Costa, Manager, Corridor Control and Safety, Transportation, Public Works.

F. Deputations

None

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 September 27, 2023 at 4 p.m.

I. Adjournment

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.