



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 26, 2024

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: K. Bacani-Angus, M. Byrne, C. Clark, K. Doyle, K. Heathcote,
M. Herder, D. MacDonald, S. Maio, M. Morgan, V. Navolskyy,
C. Spearen, E. Straughan, B. Switzer, J. Watts, T. Woloshyn,
B. Wu

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Vegh called the meeting to order at 4:04 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 updates from Michele Byrne, Manager, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO:

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Mid-Term Networking Event

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee social and networking dinner was held in June at the accessible York Regional Police Association building, attended by Committee members and York Region staff, with opening remarks provided by Erin Mahoney, Chief Administrative Officer.

Angelo Tocco was recognized for his service to the Committee over the past 8 years and was presented with a personalized portrait of his dog, hand-painted by Steve Foglia, another member of the Committee.

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Midterm Recruitment

York Region will begin the recruitment process for one new citizen member to serve on the Committee, to provide knowledge of hearing disabilities.

Design of Public Spaces Review

The AODA Design of Public Spaces Standards were recently reviewed and the initial recommendations report is posted online for public consultation. It will be posted for 60 days and an opportunity to provide feedback will close on August 29, 2024. The Accessibility Unit will work with appropriate staff and experts to determine a corporate response.

Distracted Driving Campaign - Request for Volunteers

York Regional Police, Ministry of Transportation Ontario, York Region Public Health and The Canadian Automobile Association are looking for volunteers from

various committees including seniors, accessibility, and newcomer groups to take part in a photoshoot for the Distracted Driving and Walking Campaign.

The time commitment is three hours or less on July 16, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the City of Markham at the intersection of Enterprise Boulevard and Birchmount Road. In the event of rain, the photoshoot will be moved to Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 9 a.m. to noon.

More information can be found on the York Region website at www.york.ca.

Annual Emergency Exercise - Request for Volunteers

The Emergency Training, Exercises and Public Education team is preparing for the annual emergency exercise, scheduled for October 18, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participation from committee members is welcome and the time commitment will vary depending on the extent of involvement. There are four meeting dates:

- July 5, 11 a.m. to noon
- July 18, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- August 6, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- August 23, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

There may be additional meetings and a pre-exercise dry run before the actual exercise.

Committee received the following update from Robert DiGiovanni, Committee Member:

National AccessAbility Week

National AccessAbility Week was recognized from May 26 to June 1, 2024 and this year's professional development forum "Forward Together: Accessibility and Inclusion for York Region Spaces and Places" took place at the York Region Administrative building in Newmarket on May 29, 2024.

E. Presentations

E.1 Food Insecurity in York Region

Committee received the presentation by Tracy Woloshyn, Public Health Nutritionist, Health Equity, Public Health Branch, Community and Health Services Department.

Committee recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:11 p.m.

E.2 York Region Paramedic Services Decal Project

Committee received the presentation by Marian Morgan, Acting Manager, Professional Practice, Paramedic and Seniors Services Branch, Community and Health Services Department.

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

None

H. Other Business

H.1 Next Meeting - York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held virtually on September 25, 2024 beginning at 4 p.m.

I. Adjournment

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.