



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

November 20, 2024

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: K. Bacani-Angus, M. Byrne, C. Clark, K. Doyle, K. Heathcote, M.
Herder, T. Kirkwood, S. Maio, E. Straughan, K. Wishart, 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 updates from Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO:

- **Outgoing Committee Member**

Angelo Tocco has served the maximum two terms on the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee and has participated in numerous consultations and volunteer opportunities. This is his last meeting as a Committee Member and Stephen Maio thanked him for his valuable contributions.

- **Incoming Committee Member**

Recruitment and selection of a new Committee member, Kathleen Kedzierski, was completed in October and she will be attending her first meeting in February 2025.

Committee received the following updates from Michele Byrne, Manager, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO:

- **AODA Customer Service Standards**

The AODA Customer Service Standards were recently reviewed and the initial recommendations report is posted online for public consultation. The report will be posted online for 60 days and an opportunity to provide feedback will close on January 9, 2025. The Accessibility Unit will be working with the AODA Lead for this standard, legal counsel and other subject matter experts to review, assess impacts, and determine a corporate response.

- **2024 Annual Status Report**

Work on the 2024 York Region Accessibility Status Report is underway with a plan to finalize the report later this month and publish it around International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

- **End-of-Year Mileage Claims**

Committee Members may submit mileage claim forms for transportation costs related to YRAAC-related activities.

- **End-of-Year Member Review Meetings**

The Accessibility Unit will be scheduling individual member review meetings in early January 2025 to provide the opportunity to discuss Members' experience and engagement, provide feedback about topics, and ensure the necessary supports are in place to carry out duties and membership responsibilities.

- **Public Health Focus Group Opportunity**

The Public Health Branch of the Community and Health Services Department is developing an interactive public-facing dashboard that will be easily accessible to the public and partners. There will be an opportunity for Committee Members to participate in a focus group in the coming weeks to provide advice on this new interactive dashboard.

E. Presentations

E.1 Disability in York Region - Results from the 2022 Canadian Survey on Disability

Committee received the presentation by Kim Bacani-Angus, Lead, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO.

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

E.2 Transporting Patients' Assistive Devices Policy Presentation

Committee received the presentation by Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, Paramedic Services, Community and Health Services Department.

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

G.1 New Appointment to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Committee received the memorandum from Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO dated November 20, 2024.

G.2 2025 Meeting Dates for York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Committee received the memorandum from Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk dated November 20, 2024.

H. Other Business

H.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held virtually on February 26, 2025 at 4 p.m.

I. Adjournment

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.