

Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 23, 2025

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: K. Abbas, A. Alyea, C. Clark, K. Doyle, A. Griepsma,
K. Heathcote, M. Herder, T. Kirkwood, S. Maio, V. Navolsky, E. Straughan, B. Wu

Other: YRP: S. Rogers, S. Sivaram
YTN: L. Bradley, D. Di Giovanni, T. Fobear-Wilson

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Vegh called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 Khairon Abbas, Manager (Acting), Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Indigenous Relations, People, Equity and Culture, Office of the CAO:

AODA Desk Audit – Specialized Transit

The Accessibility Unit has been working with York Region Transit partners to respond to a provincial AODA Desk Audit. Under the AODA, the Province of Ontario conducts regular audits on the implementation of the AODA across the province.

2025 National AccessAbility Week Forum Planning Committee Update

The National AccessAbility Week Forum Planning Committee is planning for the May 28, 2025 AAC Professional Development Forum and is finalizing the keynote speaker and determining the theme for this year's forum.

Representatives anticipated to be in attendance include Assistant Deputy Minister Meenu Sikand.

E. Presentations

E.1 York Regional Police Accessibility Updates and Engagement Best Practices

Committee received the presentation by Dr. Sarah Rogers, Director and Sivetha Sivaram, Specialist, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Professionalism, Leadership and Inclusion Office, York Regional Police.

Committee recessed at 4:53 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

E.2 YorkNet's Accessibility Plan

Committee received the presentation by Laura Bradley, General Manager, YTN Telecom Network Inc.

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

None

H. Other Business

None

I. Adjournment

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.