



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 22, 2026

Electronic Meeting

Members: B. Barra-Berger, N. Davison, R. DiGiovanni, S. Foglia, L. Gold,
A. Ho, L. Hulme-Smith , K. Kedzierski, K. Malsi, T. Vegh

Staff: K. Abbas, S. Agnew, M. Bolton, C. Clark, K. Doyle, K. Heathcote,
T. Kirkwood, V. Navolskyy, J. Schlosser, Dr. C. Shen, S. Stalker,
E. Straughan, C. Terin, T. Witwicki, B. Wu

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Vegh called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 Valentyna Navolskyy, Lead, Accessibility, People, Equity and Culture Branch, Office of the CAO:

April Accessibility Dates of Significance

April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day

April 29 - International Guide Dog Day

Accessibility Unit Staff Updates

1. Corinne Gaspard is the new Human Resources Specialist who will be transitioning into the primary secretariat support role for YRAAC.
2. Valentyna Navolskyy, Lead for Accessibility, will be taking on a temporary role as a Program Manager for Children's Services Initiatives in the Community and Health Services Department.
3. Brandon Wu, Senior Policy Specialist on the IDEA-IR Team is taking on the AODA Lead role for Employment Standards in a coordinating capacity.

2026 National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) Professional Development Forum

The Forum will be held on June 3, 2026 in recognition of NAAW (May 31 - June 6) and Red Shirt Day. The forum will bring together York Region and local municipal AAC members to advance learning and dialogue on accessibility.

E. Presentations

E.1 Requesting Your Health Information

Committee received the presentation by Stephenie Agnew, Health Information Privacy Specialist and Terri Ann Witwicki, Manager, Program Integrity and Education, Community and Health Services.

Committee recessed at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened at 5:07 p.m.

E.2 Population Health Key Trends Report

Committee received the presentation by Dr. Cindy Shen, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Shelley Stalker, Manager, Healthy Living, Community and Health Services.

F. Deputations

None

G. Communications

G.1 Updated Diseases of Public Health Significance Surveillance Dashboard

Committee received the memorandum dated April 22, 2026 from Dr. Fareen Karachiwalla, Medical Officer of Health, York Region.

H. Other Business

The next virtual meeting of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled on June 17, 2026 at 4 p.m.

I. Adjournment

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.