Minutes
Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 26, 2019
Seminar Room

Members: D. Hamilton, L. Fortnum, L. Gold, K. Hill, D. Hingsburger,
B. Martin, J. Simmons, V. Spatafora, A. Tocco, S. Wollin

Staff: K. Adeney, K. Chislett, C. Clark, L. Davies, S. Doyle,
A. Griebsma, M. Herder, T. Kirkwood, J. Mitchell, V. Navolskyy,
A. Shamji, E. Straughan

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and made the following remarks:

“I would like to begin today’s meeting by acknowledging that York Region extends over lands originally used and occupied by Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of York Region, I would like to thank First Nations and the Métis for sharing this land.

I would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.”

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Presentations

C.1 York Region Multi-Year Accessibility Plan: Looking Back (Part One)

Committee received the presentation by Kim Adeney, Program Manager, Accessibility, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services, supported by the AODA Leads:

Customer Service

Michelle Herder, Program Manager, Corporate Customer Service Strategy, Office of the CAO
Information and Communications

Andrea Griepsma, Communications Advisor, Corporate Communications

Employment

Ally Shamji, Lead, Talent Acquisition, Human Resources

Design of Public Spaces

Tracy Kirkwood, Supervisor, Project Management Office, Property Services

Transportation

Erin Straughan, Transportation Policy and Accessible Services Specialist, Transportation Services

C.2 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Activities and Reviews

Committee received the presentation by Valentyna Navolskyy, Senior Policy Analyst, Accessibility, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services supported by the following citizen members of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Joann Simmons regarding the York Region Emergency Management Exercise
- Kirsten Hill regarding the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area Accessibility Advisory Committee Joint Meeting on Transit
- David Hingsburger regarding the Administrative Centre Washroom Renovations on the first floor
- Kirsten Hill regarding Renovations to the Seminar Room and Council Lounge
- Barry Martin regarding the Strategic Workplace Initiative and Staff Experience Testing Site Tour

D. Deputations

None

E. Communications

E.1 Invitation to York Region Accessibility Staff and the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Committee received and referred to staff the communication from Tara Lajevardi, Deputy Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury dated June 4, 2019.
F. Other Business

F.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Due to time restrictions, staff will forward to committee members by email the update on accessibility activities from Valentyna Navolskyy, Senior Policy Analyst, Accessibility, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services.

F.2 Motion

The Committee recommended that the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee host a meeting, inviting the local Accessibility Advisory Committees, to discuss accessibility standards and consistent universal designs.

F.3 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 4 p.m.

G. Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 6:02 p.m.