

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: February 8, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
	Naz Husain	Citizen Member (Chair)
	Carol-Ann Chafe	Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
	Asim Zaidi	Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
	Emily Daigle	Citizen Member
	Rabia Khedr	Citizen Member
	Clement Lowe	Citizen Member
	Anita Binder	Stakeholder Member
	Alfie Smith	Stakeholder Member
Sally Wall	Stakeholder Member	
Members Absent	Steven Viera	Citizen Member
Others Present	Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility	
	Bryan Sparks, Communications Advisor	
	Ali Khan, Project Leader IT	
	Alana Tyers, Manager Service Development	
	Brad Jakubowski, Landscape Technologist	
	Pam Shanks, Corporate Policy Consultant	
	Martha Cameron, Legislative Coordinator	
	Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator	
Sacha Smith, Manager Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk		

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Naz Husain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provided a preamble.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (R. Khedr)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 **Accessibility Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes – November 9, 2020**

Approved (E. Daigle)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1 **Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor to present on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020 Accessibility Annual Status Update (Related to Item 8.3)**

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility presented and provided an overview on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Mr. Sadler spoke about the key commitments and achievements for 2020 based on the customer service, general requirements, information and communication, employment, transportation and design of public spaces standards.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and concerns:

- Noted that accessibility guidelines should apply across the board;
- Increase Winter Maintenance on snow and curb clearing;
- Ensure accessibility signals at intersections are wheelchair accessible;
- Review elevator standards at transit terminals;
- Applauded the move to ZOOM as the virtual meeting platform for AAC meetings;
- Applauded hiring interpreters for Mayor's Press Conferences; and
- Applauded the accessibility imagery in the Plan as it represents the community and is identifiable.

Mr. Sadler responded to the questions from the Committee.

Naz Husain, Chair requested to schedule a session post the Pandemic to discuss the biggest accessibility challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anita Binder, Stakeholder Member, inquired about the affect of the pandemic on accessible employment and how the City of Mississauga is addressing those concerns. Mr. Sadler responded by noting that he would provide a follow up response.

DIRECTION to Accessibility staff to schedule a meeting with the Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to conduct a deep dive discussion regarding the accessibility challenges faced during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **DIRECTION** to Accessibility staff to provide a response pertaining to the City of Mississauga's approach to impact on accessible employment during the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0001-2021

Moved By A. Smith

That the deputation and associated presentation by Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020 Annual Status Update be received.

Approved

5.2 Alana Tyers, Manager, Service Development to present on the 2020 MiWay Annual Accessibility Plan (Related to Item 8.4)

Emily Daigle, Citizen Member commented as follows:

- That the new seating on MiWay buses is user friendly.
- That greater attention is made to the timing of elevator repairs during the winter months due to the additional accessibility concerns it creates.
- She recommended that staff continue to share their concerns with Metrolinx regarding Kipling Subway Station.

Carole-Anne Chafe, Vice Chair expressed her mutual concern with sidewalk clearing and windrows created on sidewalks by snow removal crews.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0002-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

That the deputation by Alana Tyers, Manager, Service Development to present on the 2020 MiWay Annual Accessibility Plan (Related to Item 8.4) be received.

Approved

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit**

No members of the public registered to speak.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator spoke about the directive and purpose behind adding the Consent Agenda category to all committee agendas going forward.

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member requested that the item number including the item title be read aloud prior to being approved and that this process be adopted at all Council and Committee meetings.

Councillor Saito provided direction to follow up with Clerks whether an amendment is required to the Procedure By-law and to send out a Notice via email to Members of Council to adopt the process in the interim. Councillor Saito further noted that any other accessible concerns regarding Council and Committee meetings be sent to the Legislative Coordinator to be further discussed at Governance Committee.

DIRECTION to Clerks' staff to sent a notice via email regarding the reading aloud the item title and number under the Consent Agenda and to further investigate if this process requires an amendment to the Procedure By-law.

8. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

8.1 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Update

Accessibility Staff will provide a brief verbal update with respect to the *Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*.

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility provided a brief presentation on the City of Mississauga's Ontario Audit Compliance Report in December 2020. The City filed a 100% compliance rate.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0003-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

That the verbal update provided by Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) be received.

Received

8.2 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Councillor Mahoney, Naz Husain and/or Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Members and Members of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee will provide a brief verbal update.

Naz Husain, Chair provided a brief verbal updated on the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee noting the "Overview of Key COVID-19 Response Activities to Mitigate Vulnerabilities and Support Accessibility" presentation and requested to have this at an upcoming Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Councillor Mahoney talked about potential isolation centres and the vaccination roll out plan.

DIRECTION to Clerks' staff to follow up on the request to have Peel Public Health make a similar presentation to the one presented at the November 19, 2020 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory at a future AAC meeting.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0004-2021

Moved By C. Chafe

That the verbal update regarding the Region of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee provided by Naz Husain and Councillor Mahoney, AAC Members and Members of the ROP AAC be received.

Received

8.3 * Multi-Year Accessibility Plan: 2020 Accessibility Annual Status Update (Related to Item 5.1)

This item was previously discussed and voted upon during Item 5.1.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0005-2021

Moved By A. Smith

That the draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan: 2020 Annual Accessibility Status Update be approved.

Approved

8.4 2020 MiWay Annual Accessibility Report (Related to Item 5.2)

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provider a refresher pertaining the AAC Work Plan. The Accessibility Advisory Work Plan is a standing item on every agenda and is updated when an item has been presented, a direction is provided, and when those items are complete.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0006-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

That the 2020 MiWay Annual Accessibility Report be approved.

Approved

8.5 Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Work Plan

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provider a refresher pertaining the AAC Work Plan. The Accessibility Advisory Work Plan is a standing item on every agenda and is updated when an item has been presented, a direction is provided, and when those items are complete.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0007-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the February 8, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Approved

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**9.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report – November 16, 2020**

Councillor Saito advised she is meeting with the Meadowvale Theatre Group and wants to ensure that the concerns and requests from the FADS committee be addressed. Emily Daigle stated she would like to see signage of the Meadowvale Theatre from a transit bus as well as on signage at the bus stop. Councillor Saito asked Ms. Daigle to email her concerns to either herself or to Ms. Obaseki with respect to signage.

Carole Ann Chafe, Vice Chair noted the signage should consider font, visibility, contrast, lighting, and adhered to the Facility Accessibility Design Standards.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0008-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

1. That the presentation regarding the Meadowvale Theatre Renovation - Accessibility Review to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on November 16, 2020, be received;
2. That the Committee recommends that automatic door opener be installed at the South Patio Door outside the Administration Area and Performer's Entrance.
3. That CP&S Architects and The City of Mississauga provide an update to the Subcommittee on the final signage proposal.
4. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives that CP&S Architects and The City are undertaking with respect to the Meadowvale Theatre Renovation.

Approved

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0009-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

1. That the presentation regarding the Hurontario LRT: Project Update to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on November 16, 2020, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives that Metrolinx and The City are undertaking with respect to the Hurontario LRT.

Approved

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0010-2021

Moved By E. Daigle

1. That the presentation regarding the MiWay Infrastructure Growth Plan - Accessibility Review to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on November 16, 2020, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives The City are undertaking with respect to the MiWay Infrastructure Growth Plan.

Approved

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Erin Mills Twin Arena Elevator Upgrades (Verbal)

This item was deferred to the next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting on March 22, 2021.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Dayna Obaseki announced that Martha Cameron is taking over as Legislative Coordinator for Accessibility Advisory Committee commencing in March 2021.

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member advised that the COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group provided advice to the Federal Government and subsequently in a Speech from the Throne, the Government announced the first-ever Disability Inclusion Action Plan that includes a new Canadian Disability Benefit supplement which will help to lift people with disabilities out of poverty. Ms. Khedr suggested the City of Mississauga look at the remuneration of people with disabilities who sit on advisory committees providing their expertise and time.

Naz Husain, Chair requested that a discussion take place around remuneration with members.

DIRECTION to staff to further investigate and benchmark with other municipalities pertaining to the remuneration of the Accessibility Advisory Committee members and to report back to a future AAC meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AAC – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 2pm

Virtual Online Conference

FADS – FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, March 29, 2021 at 1:30pm

Virtual Online Conference

13. ADJOURNMENT

4:08 PM – (C. Chafe)