
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date

December 2, 2019

Time

2:00 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Naz Husain, Citizen Member (Chair)
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Steven Viera, Citizen Member
Alfie Smith, Stakeholder Member
Sally Wall, Stakeholder Member

Members Absent

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8
Emily Daigle, Citizen Member
Anita Sampson Binder, Stakeholder Member

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Staff Present

Daniel Saddler, Supervisor, Accessibility
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
Anthea Foyer, Project Leader – Smart Cities, Architecture & Innovation
Yeliz Ali, Strategic Advisor Digital Transfer, IT Division
Bryan Sparks, Communications Advisor, Employee Communications and Events
Ihor Witowych, Manager Transit Operations – Employees, MiWay
Virginia Kalapaca, Project Leader Landscape Architect, Parks & Forestry
Wesley Booker, Legal Counsel Labour & Employment, Legal Services

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Abraham Binder, Emergency Management Specialist, Emergency Management
Alana Tyers, Manager Service Development, MiWay
Amr Merda, Urban Designer, Development & Design
Anthony Frigo, Building Plans Examiner, Building
Bryan Sparks, Communications Advisor, Employee Communications and Events
Cathy Onorato, Learning & Organizational Development Consultant, Human Resources
Darlene Utarid, Manager Asset Management and Accessibility, Asset Management & Accessibility
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
Ihor Witowych, Manager Transit Operations – Employees, MiWay
Ingrid-Keuper-Dalton, Community Development Coordinator, Library Services
Jamal Hosein, e-Commerce Specialist, Information Technology
Jamie Ferguson, Manager Parks Services, Parks & Forestry
Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Specialist, Asset Management & Accessibility
Lorena Smith, Community Development Coordinator Older Adults, Recreation
Matthew Sweet, Manager Active Transportation, Transportation & Works
Megan Palmateer, Digital Content Consultant (NC), Strategic Communications
Michael Foley, Manager Mobile Licensing, Enforcement
Pam Shanks, Corporate Policies Analyst, Corporate Performance & Innovation
Robyn Heibert, Emergency Management Specialist, Emergency Management
Sergio Hernaiz, Project Leader Senior Capital Projects, Capital Design & Construction
Shazia Kalia, Senior Buyer Materiel Management
Stefan Szczepanski, Manager Parks Development, Parks & Forestry
Virginia Kalapaca, Project Leader Landscape Architect, Parks & Forestry
Wesley Booker, Legal Counsel Labour & Employment, Legal Services
Yousef Malic-Elhereich, Traffic Signals Technician, Transportation & Works
Zainab Abassi, Planner, Culture

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:04 p.m.

Naz Husain, Chair, requested everyone present at the meeting introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member requested to add an item under Other Business.

Approved, as amended (C. Chafe)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****4.1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes – September 23, 2019**

Approved (C. Chafe)

5. DEPUTATIONS**5.1. Smart Cities Idea Jam (Verbal)**

Anthea Foyer, Project Leader – Smart Cities, Architecture & Innovation

Anthea Foyer, Project Leader – Smart Cities, Architecture & Innovation and Yeliz Ali, Strategic Advisor Digital Transfer provided a verbal overview on the Smart Cities Idea Jam that took place on November 30, 2019. Ms. Foyer noted that the Smart City Master Plan was endorsed by Members of Council at the July 3, 2019 General Committee meeting. The idea jam was a collaborative brainstorming activity geared towards generating solutions in a fun and creative environment. The theme of the Smart Cities Idea Jam focused on accessibility and inclusion. Ms. Foyer noted that all ideas and data captured will be relayed to the Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Anthea Foyer, Project Leader IT, Architecture & Innovation with respect to providing a verbal overview on the Smart Cities Idea Jam be received for information.

Received (A. Zaidi)

Recommendation AAC-0041-2019

5.2. International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) (Verbal)

Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor

Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor discussed the City of Mississauga's and AAC's involvement for the upcoming International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2019. Mr. Sadler noted that the City of Mississauga will have a booth at the event that will be promoting accessibility as well as the services and programs the City has to offer. The City's focus will be on interior signage, mobility device charging stations and gender neutral washrooms as those particular washrooms are universally accessible.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following concerns regarding accessibility signage (alternate options to braille), courtesy parking and working groups. The AAC members have highlighted that the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) and the Building Code has just a minimum standard and recommends that the implementation should go above and beyond the standard.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor regarding the City of Mississauga's and AAC's involvement for the upcoming International Day for Persons with Disabilities be received for information.

Received (C. Lowe)

Recommendation AAC-0042-2019

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to speak at this time.

7. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

Note: The meeting order was amended due to scheduling. The minutes below reflect the order in which items were considered.

7.1. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Update

Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor provided a brief verbal update to the AODA's Compliance Report. The City of Mississauga is filing a fully complaint report and will be providing this report in the near future.

Direction to staff to include the City of Mississauga's Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance Report to be included in a future Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Received (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0043-2019

9.1. Mobility Devices on MiWay Buses Memo

Ihor Witowych, Manager, Transit Operations – Employees, MiWay spoke to this item and briefly shared some statistics in the areas that require improvement. Mr. Witowych also noted MiWay's plan to retrofit the buses to have priority seating in the upwards position, such as theatre style seating to inspire able-bodied people that this seating is meant for others that are in need.

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

- Adjustable arm rests;
- Designated seating right behind the mobility accessibility seating for caretakers, the aging population and/or those with non-visual disabilities; and
- The volume for the automated bus system on and outside of the buses.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memo and comments regarding Mobility Devices on MiWay buses be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0044-2019

7.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan

Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor provided a verbal update regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan Facilitation Session that took place on November 8, 2019. Mr. Sadler noted that the first AAC meeting of the 2020 year that staff will be providing the proposed AAC work plan to be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor with respect to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan be received for information.

Received (S. Wall)

Recommendation AAC-0045-2019

7.2 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member provided a brief verbal update on the matters discussed at the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee. Ms. Chafe noted that the International Day of Persons with Disabilities will take place on December 3, 2019 and that the event is a sold out. Naz Husain, Chair spoke about the Supportive Housing and Homeless Review that took place.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update regarding the Region of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee provided by Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member and Member of the ROP AAC be received.

Received (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0046-2019

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – Nil.**

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.2. Council Procedure By-law – Voting and Electronic Participation Memo

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator spoke to this item by providing a brief overview on the initial report pertaining the Council Procedure By-law and that the item has been deferred in order to create a criteria required to electronically participate.

Councillor Saito provided a detail overview regarding the series of events that involved a motion that was brought forward approximately three years ago to allow for AAC members to participate remotely for medical and/or weather reasoning.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following concern regarding the image it may present having this option only available to the AAC members. Councillor Saito responded by noting AAC would be the first committee to pilot this initiative and if the results work well then it may be possible to recommend all other committees to be eligible to remotely participate.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memo regarding the Council Procedure By-law – Voting and Electronic Participation be received for information.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0047-2019

9.3. 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee and Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Meeting Dates

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator spoke to the item informing the Committee Members of the upcoming 2020 meeting dates for the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee and Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Meeting Dates be received for information.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0048-2019

10. COMMITTEE UPDATE/OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member noted that on December 3, 2019 there will be a cake cutting celebration with Mayor Bonnie Crombie at the Glass Atrium in the Library from 3:00pm to 4:00pm for International Day for Persons with Disabilities. All are welcome to attend.

- 10.2. Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member noted that she has attended two board meetings for the Canadian Accessibility Standards Development Organization Board of Directors (CASDO). The goal is by 2040 that The Accessible Canada Act will be fully implemented.

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

- Inquired if each province/territory represented; and
- Inquired how long the members sit on the CASDO.

Ms. Khedr responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee;

- The provinces/territories are delicately represented by having members from the West Coast, Ontario, Central, Quebec and the East Coast.
- Ms. Khedr term is two years; however some members have a four year term and can be reappointed.

- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)** – Monday, January 20, 2020 at 2:00 PM, Civic Centre, Hearing Room, 2nd Floor

- 12. ADJOURNMENT** – 3:30 p.m. (S. Vieira)