# **Minutes**



# **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 2:03 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present Councillor Matt Mahoney Ward 8

Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9

Naz Husain Citizen Member (Chair)

Carol-Ann Chafe Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)(arrived at

3 pm)

Asim Zaidi Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Mary Daniel Citizen Member
Clement Lowe Citizen Member

Amanda Ramkishun Citizen Member(arrived at 2:45 pm)

Teneshia Samuel Citizen Member

Alfie Smith Stakeholder Member(arrived 3:06 pm)

Sally Wall Stakeholder Member

Members Absent Steven Viera Citizen Member

Staff Present

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility
Taghreed Alz, Accessibility Specialist
Amy Camara, Communications Advisor
Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero
Rachel Pennington, Public Art Curator
Martha Cameron, Legislative Coordinator

# 1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 2:03 PM

Chair, requested everyone present at the meeting introduce themselves.

# 2. <u>INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT</u>

"We acknowledge the lands which constitute the present-day City of Mississauga as being part of the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, The Haudenosaunee Confederacy the Huron-Wendat and Wyandotte Nations. We recognize these peoples and their ancestors as peoples who inhabited these lands since time immemorial. The City of Mississauga is home to many global Indigenous Peoples.

As a municipality, the City of Mississauga is actively working towards reconciliation by confronting our past and our present, providing space for Indigenous peoples within their territory, to recognize and uphold their Treaty Rights and to support Indigenous Peoples. We formally recognize the Anishinaabe origins of our name and continue to make Mississauga a safe space for all Indigenous peoples."

# 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved, as amended (M. Daniel)

# 4. <u>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> - Nil

# 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 <u>Draft Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes – May 16, 2022</u>

Approved as amended (A. Zaidi)

#### 6. **DEPUTATIONS**

#### 6.1 Vision Zero Road Safety Memorial

Rachel Pennington, Public Art Curator and Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero of the City of Mississauga presented to the Committee.

Committee members addressed numerous items to include:

- consideration of the grade of the lot, accessibility to the monument including walkways, bike racks and micromobility docking locations;
- Lighting, a water feature, natural shading and tiered seating;
- that the project have a trauma informed lens and on site resource information;
- braille included on plaques within the installation to translate the artist statement and an audio experience of the art would translate text into different languages;
- place beacons around the monument to read what is on the screen, and QR codes to link a video feed in American sign language describing the memorial.

Staff responded to the Committee advising they would take their feedback for consideration and explore all accessibility recommendations. Staff also informed the Committee of the call

for jurors on the selection committee to choose the artwork and invited members to participate in the process.

#### **RECOMMENDATION AAC-0030-2022**

Moved By M. Daniel

That the deputation and presentation regarding Vision Zero Road Safety Memorial by Rachel Pennington, Public Art Curator and Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on June 14, 2022, be received for information.

#### Received

# 7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

No questions were registered by the public.

# 8. **CONSENT AGENDA** - Nil

#### 9. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

#### 9.1 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 advised the Committee that there are no updates.

#### 9.2 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Councillor Mahoney, Carol-Ann Chafe, Vice-Chair and Mary Daniel, Citizen Member and Members of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee will provide a brief verbal update.

Mary Daniel, Citizen Member advised that the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met April 21st and provided their May Report and that the only addition was the May 19th GAAD (Global AccessAbility) event with speakers from the Region.

Naz Husain, Chair advised that the National AccessAbility Week event on June 1st was a success.

#### **RECOMMENDATION AAC-0031-2022**

Moved By A. Ramkishun

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

#### Received

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility advised the Committee that staff are in the process of updating the Facility Accessibility Design Standards and will advise the Committee of the update before the final step of bringing it to Council. Mr. Sadler advised the Committee that staff are in the process of developing next year's multi-year plan for 2023, which would be brought to the Committee for consultation.

#### RECOMMENDATION AAC-0032-2022

Moved By T. Samuel

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the June 14, 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

#### **Approved**

# 10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 10.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report – May 30, 2022

Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect presented to the Subcommittee the proposed re-design of the Vimy Park Landscape improvement and design concept of the cenotaph focusing on accessibility, the location of the redesigned benches, location of waste bins and planters and slope and grading at the site.

Subcommittee members expressed the importance of

- accessible access from the front of the cenotaph including revised grading with a slow slope and provision of a railing on the stairs;
- approval of the proposed benches and their location facing the cenotaph;
- the importance of inclusivity for everyone including accessible parking in front of the cenotaph, QR codes and beacons at the site; ensuring the ability to read what is on the cenotaph; and
- approval of proposed lighting.

Kathi Ross, Project Manager, Parks Program, City of Mississauga provided the Subcommittee with the context in regard to the three proposed design concepts and informed the Subcommittee members that construction would start in the Fall of 2022. Ms. Ross further advised the Subcommittee that staff would speak to Transportation and Works regarding accessible parking in the front of the cenotaph and the provision of access from the front of the cenotaph.

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:** Staff to work with Transportation and Works to provide accessible parking spaces in front of the cenotaph. Staff to review accessible access to the front of the cenotaph and possible revision of the design concept.

### RECOMMENDATION AAC-0033-2022

Moved By C. Lowe

- That the deputation and associated presentation on Vimy Park Landscape Improvement by Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect, About & Associates and Kathi Ross, Project Manager Parks Program, City of Mississauga to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on May 30, 2022 be received for information.
- 2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend accessible access be located at the front of the cenotaph to facilitate inclusion and accessibility.
- 3. That accessible parking be provided in front of the cenotaph with curb cut to facilitate access.

#### Received

## 11. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility provided the Committee with an update on their request for ASL interpreters at voting stations and advised the Committee that it would be cost prohibitive.

The Committee discussed how to facilitate accessibility at election polling stations and explored the option of pre-booking an interpreter and/or the potential to provide vide remote interpreting.

**DIRECTION TO STAFF** – Dan to work with Legislative Services to see if video remote interpreting would assist at polling stations.

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility provided an update on the Vimy Landscape project and advised that staff are open to meet again with FADS for a review of the designs in a working group meeting. Mr. Sadler advised that staff would review the request for accessible parking in front of the cenotaph.

#### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**TBD** 

# **14. ADJOURNMENT**- 3:38 PM

(Councillor P. Saito)