Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: July 24, 2023 Time: 2:02 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present Councillor Matt Mahoney Ward 8

Councillor Martin Reid Ward 9

Carol-Ann Chafe Citizen Member (Chair)
Asim Zaidi Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Alessia Commisso

Mary Daniel

Naz Husain

Clement Lowe

Amanda Ramkishun

Citizen Member

Members Absent Moneira Salic Citizen Member

Paul Wilk Citizen Member

Staff Present

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility
Janette Campbell, Accessibility Specialist
Taghreed Alz, Accessibility Specialty
Martha Cameron, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 2:02 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 (M. Daniel)

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes – June 19, 2023

Approved (A. Ramkishun)

6. **DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 2024 Future Directions Plans for Community Services

The 2024 Future Directions Plans for Community Services was presented by City staff from various departments across Community Services and addressed recommendations to enhance inclusivity and accessibility, increase awareness and communication on accessibility in the community, library, parks, fire stations, culture and recreation.

The deputants provided the Committee information about various recommendations that would increase accessibility including:

- low cost programming and support for low income residents;
- reviewing gaps in service delivery;
- monitoring capacity and use of recreation spaces to ensure they are aligned for equity deserving groups;
- enhancement of parks to reduce barriers and increase accessibility;
- flexible spaces in libraries, furniture, pop up libraries and technology;
- awareness of cultural events and spaces to support the arts, culture and heritage experiences and reducing barriers to participation in cultural events; and

 renovations at various fire stations that would increase accessibility and the vulnerable persons' registry.

Committee members inquired about pop up libraries in older condominium buildings, types of computers loaned out at library and their accessible features, library apps and partnership with CNIB, the vulnerable persons' registry, and facilitating encouragement and support for people with disabilities to remain active.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0025-2023

Moved By N. Husain

That the deputation and associated presentation by Sharon Chapman, Manager Parks and Culture Planning and Tracey Martino, Executive Officer, Fire Headquarters to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on July 24, 2023 regarding the 2024 Future Directions Plans for Community Services, be received for information.

Received

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

No questions were received by the public.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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).

There were no updates provided.

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 the Committee that the question regarding the continuation of TransHelp would be discussed at the Region's next meeting.

Councillor Mahoney, Ward 8 advised the Committee that there would be lot to discuss in regard to the dissolution of the Region of Peel and that facilitators have been appointed, however main services would remain such as waste water treatment, the Peel Police and TransHelp.

Carol-Ann Chafe, Chair advised that the Region of Peel Accessibility planning would be looking at electric vehicle charging stations and digital compliance.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0026-2023

Moved By A. Zaidi

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 and Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8, Member of the ROP AAC, be received for information.

Received

9.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Work Plan

There were no updates to the work plan.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report – 2023 - June 26, 2023

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0027-2023

Moved By M. Daniel

FADS-0010-2023

That the deputation and associated presentation from Sabrina Esser, Architect, BBB Architects Toronto Inc., regarding Paramount Fine Foods Centre - Main Arena Renovation, be received for information.

FADS-0010-2023)

Received

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility advised the Committee that the Facility Accessibility Design Guideline would be completed as a draft later this year for review prior to going to Council.

Mary Daniel, Chair of the Promotional Awareness Subcommittee provided the Committee with an update on the planning of the 20 year celebration of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Carol-Ann Chafe, Chair addressed additional comments that were in the chat with responses from staff regarding the deputation on the 2024 Future Directions Plan for Community Services.

13. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

FADS - FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:30pm Virtual online conference

AAC - ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 2pm

14. ADJOURNMENT - 3:13 PM

(A. Zaidi)

