

## **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Date

November 23, 2015

Time

2:01 PM

Location

Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 1  
1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 3R8

### **Members Present**

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8  
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member (Chair)  
Melanie Taddeo, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)  
Robert Bain, Citizen Member  
Naz Husain, Citizen Member  
Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member  
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member  
Mashkoor Sherwani, Citizen Member  
Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member  
Sally Wall, Stakeholder Member

### **Members Absent**

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9

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Find it online

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/accessibilityadvisory>

**Accessibility Advisory Committee Staff Working Group Present**

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves, Community Development Coordinator – Inclusion and Accessibility  
Frank Buckley, Manager, Parks South District  
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, Development & Design Division  
Vedad Hasanovic, Project Manager, Facilities & Property Management  
Mojan Jianfar, Assistant Planner, Culture and Heritage Development  
Virginia Kalapaca, Project Manager, Park Development  
Diana Krawczyk, Manager, Readers' Den, Library  
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk  
Pamela Shanks, Corporate Policies Analyst  
Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator  
Jo-Ann Sutherland, Human Resources Consultant  
Ashley Travassos, Communications Advisor  
Alana Tyers, Team Leader, Transit Planning  
Graham Walsh, Legal Counsel  
Willy Wong, Supervisor, Building Plan Examination

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 2:02 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (N. Husain)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Approved (M. Taddeo)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1 Item 7.1 **City of Mississauga Inclusion Resource Team**

Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves, Community Development – Inclusion and Accessibility and Kevin Malally, Coordinator, Inclusion Resource Team spoke with respect to the City of Mississauga’s partnership pilot project with Community Living Mississauga.

Ms. Boyce-Gonsalves provided a brief background on the pilot program, noting that in partnership with Community Living Mississauga (CLM), they had received a grant to develop the program and that the focus of the program is to support adults with an intellectual disability in recreation programs.

Ms. Boyce-Gonsalves provided an outline of the program with respect to staffing, intake of clients, goals of the program, and staff training which CLM is providing to Inclusion Resource Team staff. Ms. Boyce-Gonsalves further noted that all City recreation staff would also receive training.

Mashkoor Sherwani, Citizen Member inquired as to whether this program was independent of CLM and was advised that it was indeed separate.

Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member spoke in support of the pilot program, noting that he had volunteered with CLM at University of Toronto Mississauga in the “Community On Campus” program and that he was pleased to see their

programs extending to reach more people.

The Committee dealt with Item 7.1 at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the deputation and associated memorandum dated November 23, 2015 from the Community and Neighbourhood Development Unit, Recreation Division with respect to the Inclusion Resource Team, be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0036-2015

6.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED**

6.1 Crohns and Colitis Canada 'GoHere' Initiative – Update

Memorandum dated October 8, 2015 from Darlene Utarid, Business Analyst, Facilities and Property Management with respect to a Crohns and Colitis Canada 'GoHere' Initiative update.

Ms. Utarid provided a brief background on the 'GoHere' Initiative, noting that the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) had inquired as to whether their recommendation to install decals was feasible in City facilities. Ms. Utarid reported that the use of decals was not the best solution for the majority of City facilities and that it would be best to move toward digital materials, noting that Crohns and Colitis Canada is currently revamping their written materials and is also developing an application (app) for washroom locations.

Naz Husain, Citizen Member noted that digital media on TV screens in City facilities is not accessible to the blind and inquired as to how the materials could be made accessible to those with visual disabilities, to which Ms. Utarid advised that she would contact Crohns and Colitis Canada with Ms. Husain's concern.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the memorandum dated October 8, 2015 from Darlene Utarid, Business Analyst, Facilities and Property Management with respect to a Crohns and Colitis Canada 'GoHere' Initiative update, be received for information.

Received (M. Taddeo)

Recommendation AAC-0037-2015

## 6.2 ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 (AODA)

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided a brief verbal update with respect to the *Accessibility For Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*, specifically regarding the proposed changes to the Accessible Customer Service and Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations.

Ms. Simpson commented on the changes, noting that services in facilities would be added to the current regulations, that there would be a change in the class structure with respect to large and small private sectors and the public sector, and changes to the number of employees, the addition of third-party certification for service animals, and evidence-based need of a support person in consultation with a person who has a disability.

## 6.3 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Naz Husain, Citizen Member, Accessibility Advisory Committee and Chair, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a brief verbal update, commenting on an upcoming IDPD event focused on employment and business and encouraging AAC Members to attend, the upcoming International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and noted that there are changes coming with a strategic plan in the works.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.2 Recommendation AAC-0027-2015

Memorandum dated October 23, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to Recommendation AAC-0027-2015, pertaining to employment opportunities for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated October 23, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to Recommendation AAC-0027-2015, pertaining to employment opportunities for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities, be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)  
Recommendation AAC-0038-2015

7.3 Regarding Telephone or Video Conference Participation by Appointed Members of Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees

Letter dated October 23, 2015 from Frank Dale, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Region of Peel with respect to telephone or video conference participation by appointed Members of Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees.

Ms. Husain advised that the Region of Peel had changed their recommendation to include only those appointed to Accessibility Advisory Committees, to which Councillor Mahoney agreed and commented that it would require a change to the *Municipal Act*.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter dated October 23, 2015 from Frank Dale, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Region of Peel with respect to telephone or video conference participation by appointed Members of Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees, be received for information.

Received (A. Zaidi)

Recommendation AAC-0039-2015

7.4 Barrier-Free Canada – Canadians With Disabilities Act

Ms. Chafe spoke briefly to the document regarding the Principles for the Canadians With Disabilities Act, noting that not all provinces have an act for persons with disabilities and that a Canadian Act would be nationally inclusive.

Graham Walsh, Legal Counsel commented that it would have the effect of creating a national, overall program that wouldn't necessarily apply to Ontario regulations, but would set a national standard.

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member noted that a national act would fill gaps and inquired as to whether it is already regulated by the AODA in Ontario, to which Mr. Walsh advised that the two acts could run parallel to each other.

RECOMMENDATION

That the document regarding the Principles for the Canadians With Disabilities Act, as referenced by the Barrier-Free Canada website, be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0040-2015

#### 7.5 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Memorandum dated October 16, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dates.

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated October 16, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dates, be received for information.

Received (M. Taddeo)  
Recommendation AAC-0041-2015

#### 7.6 Pending Work Plan Items

Pending Work Plan Items chart, updated for the November 23, 2015 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

A brief discussion regarding the Pending Work Plan Items chart ensued and Ms. Simpson advised that the Facility Accessibility Design Standards document would be presented at General Committee on December 2, 2015.

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the Pending Work Plan Items chart, updated for the November 23, 2015 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, be received.

Received (N. Husain)  
Recommendation AAC-0043-2015

#### 7.7 Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Tribute

Invitation to the third annual Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Tribute (formerly the Abilities Awards) to be held on December 3, 2015.

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the invitation to the third annual Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Tribute (formerly the Abilities Awards) to be held on December 3, 2015, be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)  
Recommendation AAC-0042-2015

## 8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 8.1 Corporate Policies and Procedures Subcommittee – October 19, 2015

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Policies and Procedures Subcommittee report dated October 19, 2015, be received for information.

Received (R. Bain)

Recommendation AAC-0044-2015

### 8.2 Promotional Awareness Subcommittee – October 19, 2015

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Promotional Awareness Subcommittee report dated October 19, 2015, be received for information.

Received (A. Zaidi)

Recommendation AAC-0045-2015

### 8.3 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee – October 26, 2015

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the PowerPoint presentation regarding Trail Development Within Sawmill Valley Trail, P-161 to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on October 26, 2015, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Trail Development Within Sawmill Valley Trail, P-161, as presented.

Received/Approved (A.Zaidi)

Recommendation AAC-0046-2015

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the PowerPoint presentation regarding Off Road Trail (ORT) #11 to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on October 26, 2015, be received;



2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Off Road Trail (ORT) #11, as presented.

Received/Approved (A. Zaidi)  
Recommendation AAC-0047-2015

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the memorandum dated October 26, 2015 from Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, Development and Design Division, Planning and Building with respect to referral of Region of Peel projects to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee, be received;
2. That the matter be referred to staff to investigate the appropriate processes in referring Regional projects to the Mississauga Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee and report back at a future meeting.

Received/Approved (A. Zaidi)  
Recommendation AAC-0048-2015

#### 9. COMMITTEE UPDATE / OTHER BUSINESS

Members spoke to the upcoming General Committee meeting on December 2, 2015 where Diana Simpson, Rabia Khedr and Clement Lowe would be receiving awards and congratulated the award winners.

Ms. Chafe advised that Naz Husain and Melanie Taddeo would also be receiving awards in the near future.

Members spoke to the Mississauga Moves conference and expressed kudos to staff for ensuring that there were accessible features at the meeting.

Ms. Chafe spoke to the Riverwood Enabling Garden, noting that they had won the North American contest and would be receiving \$5,000 toward the creation of a new sensory garden.

#### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday, February 8, 2016, 2:00 PM: Accessibility Advisory Committee, Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 1

Monday, February 22, 2016, 1:30 PM: Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee, Civic Centre, Committee Room A

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT – 3:20 PM

