
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date

2016/04/04

Time

2:01 PM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9

Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member (Chair)

Melanie Taddeo, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Naz Husain, Citizen Member

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member

Clement Lowe, Citizen Member

Mashkoo Sherwani, Citizen Member

Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member

Mandi Buckner, Stakeholder Member

Alfie Smith, Stakeholder Member

Sally Wall, Stakeholder Member

Members Absent

Robert Bain, Citizen Member

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

Staff Present

Frank Buckley, Manager, Parks South District

Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, Development & Design

Diana Krawczyk, Manager, Library Services

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

Pamela Shanks, Corporate Policies Analyst

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator

Cynthia Ulba, Senior Communications Advisor

Alana Tyers, Team Leader, Transit Planning

Graham Walsh, Legal Counsel

Max Gill, Traffic Operations Technologist

Marcella Aparicio, Administrative Assistant, Facilities & Property Management

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 2:01 PM

The Chair welcomed new AAC Members and requested introductions from all present at the meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (M. Taddeo)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Approved (N. Husain)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1.

Max Gill, Traffic Operations Technologist provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the City of Mississauga Traffic Calming Program and Policy, noting that the installed measures pilot program was initiated to determine its' efficiency and whether results would support a budget request for a full-time traffic calming program. Further, Mr. Gill spoke to the goals of the program being physical design and devices on the roadway with the intent of impacting driver behaviour, reduce operating speeds and volumes, and increase the level of safety for all road users and spoke to the success of the pilot program conducted on Edenwood Drive, Huntington Ridge Drive, and Fifth Line West.

Questions from Committee Members were based the following:

- The difficulty or ease of navigating a street with traffic calming devices for a person using a wheelchair;
- The potential to cause discomfort for a passenger in a car;
- The wear and tear over time on the devices;
- Signage informing drivers of the traffic calming devices.

Mr. Gill advised that they try to avoid curb to curb placement upon installation of the devices and use “speed cushions” to provide gaps, thus allowing a wheelchair to navigate easily on the street. Mr. Gill further commented that it is incumbent on the driver to slow down appropriately to ensure a smoother ride, that the devices will be maintained under the regular asphalt program, and that signs had been placed to inform motorists.

Councillor Mahoney commented that there is a police station on Fifth Line West, that the devices would not impede emergency vehicles from using the street, and thanked Mr. Gill for his presentation.

Councillor Saito noted that the devices had been removed every winter and that they were a more gradual hump.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Max Gill, Traffic Operations Technologist with respect to the Traffic Calming Policy and Program, be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0010-2016

- 5.2. David Margiotta, Program Manager, ATMP and Aislin O'Hara, Project Advisor, ATMP provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Region of Peel Accessible Transportation Master Plan, noting that a review of the Plan began in 2012 that consisted of extensive stakeholder outreach and engagement with over 150 outreach events and four full-day open houses with feedback from over 500 stakeholders, 144 customer surveys, 18 AAC presentations, four focus groups, and eight workshops. Mr. Margiotta further commented that the final report was adopted by Regional Council in June, 2014.

Ms. O'Hara explained that there will be changes to eligibility in that TransHelp will adopt the Human Rights Code definition of a disability, and will adopt the AODA eligibility categories, which are unconditional, temporary, or conditional. It was further explained that there will be changes in service delivery consisting of multimodal trips using conventional transit where appropriate and that the Plan would be considered by Regional Council on April 14, 2016. Ms. O'Hara noted that the program is based on equity, ensuring fairness.

Questions from Committee Members pertained to the following:

- Eligibility in the new criteria;

- Who is responsible for determining the level of service a person receives;
- What would happen if a person disagreed with the Region's determination of their ability to use conventional transit;
- The possibility of adding specialists to the determination panel to include professionals with mental health expertise;
- Whether those currently receiving service would be grandfathered in the new program;
- Discomfort in the disability community about the impending changes;
- Financial concerns.

Mr. Margiotta commented that those who use mobility devices and are able to use conventional transit should do so as determined by a physical or occupational therapist. Ms. O'Hara explained that if a person applies and has a doctor's note, their case can be reviewed and also made mention of the TransHelp Appeals Panel. It was further noted that there would be changes to the application to broaden the current disability definition. Ms. O'Hara advised that current users would not be grandfathered into the new program and would instead be recertified.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by David Margiotta, Program Manager and Aislin O'Hara, Project Advisor, Region of Peel with respect to the Region's Accessible Transportation Master Plan, be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0011-2016

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. 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), noting that changes to the Customer Service Standard would occur at the end of March and spoke to certification and self-reporting with more information to be found at certifiedforaccess.ca

6.2. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Naz Husain, Citizen Member and Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a brief verbal update, noting that the Region has developed a new Vision Statement – “Community For Life” – and a new Mission Statement – “Healthy, Safe, Connected Community”.

6.3. Meeting Location of Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings

Memorandum dated March 15, 2016 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to the location of Accessibility Committee meetings.

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator spoke briefly to the memo requesting a change in location of future Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings to the Civic Centre, to which the Members agreed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the memorandum, dated March 15, 2016 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the location of Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings, be received for information;
2. That all future meetings of the Accessibility Advisory Committee take place at the Mississauga Civic Centre.

Approved (N. Husain)
Recommendation AAC-0012-2016

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – Nil.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. Pending Work Plan Items

Ms. Simpson provided a summary of the planning session meeting that was held on February 26, 2016, noting the discussion around the vision, the mandate, and the need to establish priorities for the AAC moving forward. Further, Ms. Simpson requested that Members send her their top three priorities.

Naz Husain, Citizen Member commented that another meeting was needed to determine timelines for Work Plan items.

Councillor Saito spoke to the background of the AAC with respect to facilities, audits, and future renovations and requested that the Legislative Coordinator advise her if accessibility issues arise at other Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Pending Work Plan Items chart, updated for the April 4, 2016 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be received for information.

Received (M. Taddeo)

Recommendation AAC-0013-2016

8.2. Region of Peel - Resolution 2016-167: Site Plan - Redevelopment of 3190 Mavis Road

No discussion to place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email correspondence dated March 23, 2016 from Veronica Montesdeoca, Legislative Technical Coordinator, Region of Peel with respect to the Report of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC-1/2016) meeting held on February 18, 2016, be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0014-2016

8.3. Connections 2016 - Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Simpson spoke briefly regarding the Connections Resource Fair and requested that \$155.00 be allocated to pay the registration fee to have a table at the fair to promote and highlight accessibility planning in the City of Mississauga and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the information package with respect to the Connections 2016 Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities, be received for information;
2. That the amount of \$115.00 be allocated to Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator for the not-for-profit exhibitor fees to register an information display at the event to highlight the City of Mississauga's Accessibility Plan.

Approved (M. Taddeo)

Recommendation AAC-0015-2016

8.4. Mississauga Accessibility Forum

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the flyer regarding the Mississauga Accessibility Forum being held on April 12, 2016, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation AAC-0016-2016

9. **COMMITTEE UPDATE/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Saito advised that representatives from Crohn's and Colitis Canada – GoHere Program would be hosting a booth at the Employee Health, Wellness and Safety Fair being held on April 5, 2016 in the Great Hall at the Civic Centre.

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

Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee - Monday, April 25, 2016 - 1:30 PM, Civic Centre, Committee Room D

Monday, June 6, 2016 – 2:00 PM, Civic Centre, Committee Room A – 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga L5B 3C1

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - 4:00 PM