
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date

2017/04/10

Time

2:00 PM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (left at 3:00 p.m.)
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member (Chair)
Naz Husain, Citizen Member
Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member
Alfie Smith, Stakeholder Member

Members Absent

Melanie Taddeo, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Mashkooor Sherwani, Citizen Member
Mandi Buckner, Stakeholder Member
Sally Wall, Stakeholder Member

Staff Present

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer
Pamela Shanks, Corporate Policy Analyst
Virginia Kalapaka, Project Manager, Park Development
Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER 2:06 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (A. Smith)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NIL

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting

Members reviewed the Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting and noted amendments.

Approved as amended (Councillor M. Mahoney)

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1. Pauline Craig, Cycling Master Plan Coordinator, with respect to Cycling Master Plan

Ms. Craig introduced Jelmer Stegnik, Marketing Consultant, Education, Transportation and Works, who is responsible for the promotional and educational strategies of the Cycling Master Plan.

Pauline Craig, Cycling Master Plan Coordinator, spoke to the Cycling Master Plan's project purpose and scope, public consultation and project schedule, project milestones and other projects. Ms. Craig, highlighted the projects objectives to develop a bicycling network to encourage more cyclists, which includes developing promotion and education strategies to reach out to all cyclists, strategies for parking and bike sharing and monitoring and evaluating the projects progress, public consultation to include a project website, City of Mississauga Facebook and Twitter page, participation from Members of the Advisory Committees and other stakeholders, and, conducting public meetings.

Carol-Ann Chafe, Chair, advised that she has been attending the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee's and recently attended The Bike Show. Ms. Chafe further advised that she has done research on the various types of accessible cycling with a focus on enhancing accessible and inclusive cycling, as well as looking at opportunities to work with Handcycling Association of Canada and Trailblazers for tandem cycling. Ms. Chafe further noted that the Cycling Master Plan should include the Lakeshore Connecting Communities project as issues relating to safe cycling issues have been raised at the community meetings.

Rabia Khedr Citizen Member, advised that the youth support services agency that she is involved in has applied for funding for the purchase of a few bikes (either side-by-side or tandem) for the youth program as well as implementing a bike loaner program. Mr. Stegnik, advised that the Region of Peel started a community bike centre pilot in 2015 and that the Region of Peel will be looking for organizations in Mississauga to roll out the community bike centre program this year in September and October 2017 which would provide funding. Mr. Stegnik will look into this program further and provide Ms. Khedr with further information and the application to apply for funding.

Councillor Pat Saito noted that in conducting public meetings, that they be mindful of the perspectives of the avid cyclist versus the casual cyclists. Councillor Saito noted that the majority of cyclists on the trails are families, children, and older adults.

Members of the Committee engaged in further discussions regarding public engagement, community outreach, safe cycling education and promotional materials reflect inclusive cycling.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Pauline Craig, Cycling Master Plan Coordinator to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on April 10, 2017 with respect to Cycling Master Plan, be received.

Received (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0010-2017

5.2. Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader, Planning and Building, with respect to Dundas Connects

Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader provided an update regarding the Dundas Connects initiative. Mr. Miller highlighted the purpose of the study which is to deliver a land-use and transportation master plan for the Dundas Street corridor, the problems and opportunities, strategic plan, progress to date and the upcoming public meeting.

Mr. Miller advised that approximately 150 people have already registered to attend the public meeting being held at the Living Arts Centre on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Members are encouraged to register and attend.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader – Dundas Connects to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on April 10, 2017 with respect to Dundas Connects, be received.

Received (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0011-2017

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(Accessibility Advisory Committee may grant permission to a person who is present at Accessibility Advisory Committee and wishes to address a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Committee will ask their questions within a time limit of 5 minutes, as public question period total limit is 15 minutes.)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1. ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 (AODA)

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist provided a verbal update with respect to the Accessibility For *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*

Mr. Cooper advised that 2017 is a compliance reporting year. The Province has released the compliance report. Diana Simpson, Supervisor, Accessibility Planning and Darren Cooper will be reviewing the questions, which most relate to the design of public spaces standards, transit and employment. Ms. Simpson will be reaching out to staff for assistance with completing the report before December 31, 2017

Mr. Cooper advised that the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario have announced the new Chairs of the Information and Communication (Rich Donovan) Employment (Laura McKeen) and Health Care (Sandy Bell) Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update from Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist with respect to the *Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*, be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0012-2017

7.2. 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 update on matters relating to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Ms. Husain advised that the term of her roles as Chair has ended, and that the new Chair was previously the Vice-Chair. Ms. Husain and/or Ms. Khedr will continue to report updates regarding Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Further Ms. Husain provided an update on the trail parking observation/look-out areas, noting that the Caledon Committee was against the proposal; however, the Region is more open to the creation of the parking observation/look-out spaces. There will be further discussions regarding the accessibility, liability and safety issues of trail parking observation/look-out spaces.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update from Naz Husain, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Citizen Member, with respect to a Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0013-2017

7.3. Citizens with Disabilities - Ontario Report on the Fed's Consultation on Accessibility Legislation

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist spoke to the Citizens with Disabilities Ontario Report on the federal government's consultation on Accessibility Legislation which was held on February 8, 2017 and was attended by Carol-Ann Chafe and Naz Husain. The Citizens With Disabilities – Ontario released a report on the overview of the consultation which reviewed 3 key questions; what are key barriers; how to address those barriers; and how to make the attitudes toward people with disabilities more positive. Mr. Cooper further advised that the federal government was interested in hearing whether a prescriptive approach to the legislation, or an outcomes based approach is preferred.

Mr. Cooper reported that the issues raised were focused on employment for persons with disabilities and the social and economic impacts of high unemployment around housing and transportation. There was also a suggestion to adding ASL and LSQ as official languages to the long form census.

Mr. Cooper advised that the federal government will be compiling all the feedback and data and will release a report in the fall 2017, and will have an initial draft of the Legislation in the winter 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist, with respect to the Citizens with Disabilities, Ontario Report on the Fed's Consultation on Accessibility Legislation be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0014-2017

7.4. Accessibility Advisory Committee - Pending Work Plan Items

Carol-Ann Chafe, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee spoke to the Accessibility Advisory Committee's pending workplan and advised that the employment and hiring practices item is still ongoing, and that Christine Gabany, Manager, Talent Acquisitions will be providing an update on the Workplace Diversity Strategy at the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting in September.

RECOMMENDATION

That the AAC Pending Work Plan Items chart updated for the April 10, 2017 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be received.

Received (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0015-2017

7.5. National Access Awareness Week Event Update

Asim Zaidi, Chair, Promotional Awareness Subcommittee, provided an update on the upcoming National Access Awareness Week event which will be held at the Civic Centre, Great Hall, on Monday, June 5, 2017. Mr. Zaidi advised that Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services has sent out an email to Managers to encourage staff to register for a booth as well as to submit their nominations for the accessible customer service award. Mr. Zaidi advised that there will be exhibits from the Enabling Gardens, Library, Transit, Human Resources, and possibly Communications. In addition, there will be a ROM booth with a video and antique wheelchair on display, and an Accessibility Advisory Committee booth. Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend the event in addition to volunteering with the booth.

Mr. Zaidi advised that there has been no nomination for Accessible Customer Service Award submitted, and encouraged staff and Members to submit their nominations.

Mr. Zaidi, advised the subcommittee was still waiting to hear from the Rick Hansen Foundation with respect to the grant application Accessibility Planning applied for. Mr. Zaidi further advised that not having the grant funds in advance of the event would not allow for the subcommittee to make purchases and order the supplies that are required for the event; therefore Mr. Zaidi asked for the Accessibility Advisory Committee's support for a request to Council for funds to cover the costs associated with the National Access Awareness Event.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the verbal update by Asim Zaidi, Accessibility Advisory Committee Citizen Member, with respect to the National Access Awareness Week event, be received for information.
2. That the amount of up to \$1,800.00 be approved for the costs associated with the purchase of operational and promotional items for the National Access Awareness Week Event.

Received (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC-0016-2017

7.6. Draft 2016 Annual Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and 2016 MiWay Annual Accessibility Report

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist advised that 2016 Annual Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and 2016 MiWay, was approved by Council in March 2017. Mr. Cooper further advised that the 2016 Annual Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and 2016 MiWay Report is now available on the City's internal and external website, and is in accessible format. Additional, Mr. Cooper had hardcopies of the Report on-hand for those who wished to take a copy with them after the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist, with respect to the 2016 Annual Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and MiWay annual Accessibility Report, be received for information.

Approved (N. Husain)

Recommendation AAC 0017-2017

7.7. Accessibility Directorate of Ontario - 2017 Forum

Darren Cooper Accessibility Specialist spoke to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario 2017 Forum which will be held in several cities in Ontario between April and June 2017. Mr. Cooper and Diana Simpson, Supervisor, Accessibility Planning, will be attending on May 23, 2017 in Kitchener, and invited Members who wish to attend, to register.

Members expressed interest in attending. Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member requested that a recommendation that the Accessibility Advisory Committee support a request to Council for the approval of funds to cover the transportation costs for Members who are interested in attending and have registered to attend. Mr. Cooper reminded Members that there is a Forum on June 1, 2017 in Toronto; however, Ms. Chafe advised that she attempted to register and that the website registration indicated the event was full. Ms. Chafe advised she would contact them to confirm this information.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the verbal update by Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist with respect to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario – 2017 Forum be received for information.
2. That the transportation costs of up to \$400.00 be approved for Accessibility Advisory Committee Members to attend the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario – 2017 Forum on May 23, 2017 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Approved (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0018-2017

7.8. Connections 2017 - Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist advised that the City and the Accessibility Advisory Committee will have a booth at the Connections 2017 – Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities which will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. Mr. Cooper advised that Diana Simpson, Supervisor, Accessibility Planning will be reaching out to Members for volunteers.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist, with respect to Connections 2017, Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities, be received for information.

Received (R. Khedr)

Recommendation AAC-0019-2017

7.9. The Institute of Transportation Engineers Update

Carol-Ann Chafe, Chair, advised that she has been a volunteer member for over four years, and that the Committee Forum has folded.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Carol-Ann Chafe, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Chair, with respect to the Institute of Transportation Engineers, be received for information.

Received (Councillor M. Mahoney)
Recommendation AAC-0020-2017

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report - November 28, 2016 -Scholar's Green Phase 2

Members reviewed the report from the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee dated November 28, 2016. Carol-Ann Chair, Chair, and Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer noted amendments to the November 28, 2016 Facilities Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Report dated November 28, 2016, be received as further amended;
2. That the presentation regarding Scholar's Green Phase 2 to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on November 28, 2016, be received;
3. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Scholar's Green Phase 2.

Approved (A. Smith)
Recommendation AAC-0021-2017

8.2. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report - February 27, 2017

Members reviewed the report from the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee dated February 27, 2017 and approve the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Erindale Park Washroom Project to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 27, 2017, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Erindale Park Washroom Project.

Approved (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0022-2017

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Lakeview Waterfront Connection Project to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 27, 2017, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Lakeview Waterfront Connection Project.

Approved (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0023-2017

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Park Project to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 27, 2017, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the design of Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Park Project.

Approved (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0024-2017

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. COMMITTEE UPDATE/OTHER BUSINESS

Darren Cooper, Accessibility Specialist announced that the Staff Accessibility Resource Team (StART) was recognized for the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMMSSA) Municipal Champions Awards. Mr. Cooper and Diana Simpson, Supervisor, Accessibility Planning will be attending the award presentation at the OMSSA's Leadership Symposium, in May 2017, and will be presenting the Award at Council in June 2017.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S) September 18, 2017

12. ADJOURNMENT 4:03 PM