

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date

2019/05/06

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
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member
Naz Husain, Citizen Member
Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Steven Viera, Citizen Member
Asim Zaidi, Citizen Member
Anita Sampson Binder, Citizen Member
Alfie Smith, Stakeholder Member
Sally Wall, Stakeholder Member

Members Absent

Emily Daigle, Citizen Member

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

Staff Present

Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Specialist

Daniel Saddler, Supervisor Accessibility

Darlene Utarid, Manager, Asset Management and Accessibility

Anthea Foyer, Project Leader, Smart Cities

Kendall Wayow, Manager, Building Services & Operations

Michelle Berquist, Project Leader Transportation, Transportation & Works

Pamela Shanks, Corporate Policy Consultant, Corporate Performance

Carolina Garcia Alonso, Co-Op Student (College), Capital Planning & Asset Management

Keith Sheardown, Video Production Contractor, Transit Academy

Alana Tyers, Manager, Service Development

Qian (Vicky) Wang, Co-Op Student, Building Services & Operations

Christine Gabany, Manager, Talent Acquisition

Ihor Witowych, Manager, Transit Operations – Employees

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:14 PM

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator called the meeting to order in the absence of Chair and requested a roundtable introduction of all members and staff present at the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for appointment of the Chair for Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Clement Lowe nominated Naz Husain and Ms. Husain accepted the nomination. Asim Zaidi nominated Carol-Ann Chafe and Ms. Chafe accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received. Members of the Committee voted and elected Ms. Husain to be the Chair of the AAC Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Naz Husain be appointed Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Approved (C. Lowe)

Recommendation AAC-0011-2019

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for appointment of the Vice-Chair for Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Councillor Pat Saito nominated Carol-Ann Chafe and Ms. Chafe accepted the nomination. Carol-Ann nominated Asim Zaidi and Mr. Zaidi accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received. Members of the Committee voted and the vote was a tie that resulted in electing Ms. Chafe and Mr. Zaidi as alternating Vice-Chairs of the AAC Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Carol-Ann Chafe and Asim Zaidi be appointed alternating Vice-Chairs of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Approved (Councillor Saito)

Recommendation AAC-0012-2019

Naz Husain took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carol-Ann Chafe, Committee Member requested to add an item under Other Business.

Approved, as amended (A. Zaidi)

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes – February 25, 2019

Naz Husain, Chair inquired if any feedback was provided to Councillor Saito regarding the tourism website. The Committee responded by noting they have not provided any feedback as of yet.

Carol Chafe, Citizen Member noted some housekeeping revisions in the previous AAC minutes and FADS report for the Legislative Coordinator.

Approved, as amended (A. Zaidi)

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1. Smart City Master Plan

Anthea Foyer, Project Leader Smart Cities presented an overview on the Smart City Master Plan. The Plan's initiatives focus on creating vibrant, inclusive communities with a high quality of life by using technology to address urban challenges. Ms. Foyer discussed Living Labs that are test neighbourhoods that give the community a chance to provide feedback based on the pilot projects and use technology in the area. The purpose behind these initiatives is to create a digital ecosystem.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions:

- Inquired if the City is keeping track of the current ongoing progress, success and upcoming smart city initiatives;
- Inquired about voice-over control headsets;
- Inquired if chargers for mobility devices are included in the Smart City Master Plan.

Discussion ensued between the Members of the Committee regarding charging stations for mobility devices. The Committee recommended that one mobility device charging station be installed at Celebration Square and launched during National AccessAbility Week (formerly known as National Access Awareness Week (NAAW)). The launch should include media promotion. Members of the Committee suggested during the implementation of further charging stations for mobility devices a map overview of where those stations are located across the City should be designed. The mobility device charging stations should be a considered factor in future proposed plans presented at FADS (Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee).

Ms. Foyer responded to questions from the members of Committee;

- The Smart City web page includes ongoing updates.
- Ping Street Application as well as interactive screens to be launched this summer.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That staff provide an update on the feasibility of installing a charging station for mobility devices at the City of Mississauga's Celebration Square to be implemented during the National Access Awareness Week.
2. That staff report back on installing charging stations for mobility devices and be referred to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee to review further recommendations.

Approved (Councillor Saito)

Recommendation AAC-0013-2019

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Anthea Foyer, Project Leader Smart Cities presenting on the Smart City Master Plan be received.

Approved (A. Smith)

Recommendation AAC-0014-2019

7.2. Council Chambers Handrails

Mr. Wayow presented on overview on the upcoming installation of handrails in Council Chambers. The proposed plan is to install handrails on the two center staircases. The handrails will be three feet high and will include a break in the railing every few steps.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions:

- Inquired about the type of rail ending – smooth, slope, etc.;
- Inquired why the handrails are not continuous;
- Inquired can a larger bottom stair be install for transitional/indictor purposes;
- Noted the lack of transitional surfaces for the escalator going into the Chambers.

Mr. Wayow responded to questions from the members of Committee;

- The ends of the railings are designed to have a flat edge.
- The handrails will not be continuous, in order to allow the public to pass through either side of the railings to access the benches.
- As per the building code a larger bottom transitional stair cannot be installed.
- Will follow up regarding the lack of a transitional surface for the Council Chambers' escalators.

Mr. Wayow provided a walkthrough of the Council Chambers and the proposed plan for handrails with Naz Husain, Chair and Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member following the meeting to feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Kendall Wayow, Manager, Building Services & Operations presenting on the new handrails in the Council Chambers be received.

Approved (C. Chafe)
Recommendation AAC-0015-2019

7.3. MiWay Training Video

Keith Sheardown, Video Production Contractor, Transit Academy thanked all the participating members for volunteering in the MiWay Training Video. He presented photos to each participating member as a keepsake and thank you gift. He spoke to the overview of the three videos; Serving with Compassionate, Hidden Disabilities, and People First as stories to help the transit drivers better understand on a personal level.

The committee applauded Mr. Sheardown and the volunteers for creating these videos and welcome Mr. Sheardown back to present the final production of the videos.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Keith Sheardown, Video Production Contractor, Transit Academy presenting a photo and saying thank you to the volunteers who participated in the MiWay Training Video be received.

Approved (A. Zaidi)
Recommendation AAC-0016-2019

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No members of the public requested to speak.

9. MATTERS CONSIDERED**9.1. AAC Roles and Responsibilities**

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator briefly spoke to this item. Ms. Obaseki highlighted the importance of active participation and spoke to the role of the Chair, Members and Staff in regards to the AAC.

RECOMMENDATION

That the AAC Roles and Responsibilities be received.

Approved (C. Chafe)
Recommendation AAC-0017-2019

9.2. Appointment of Members to the Subcommittees of the AAC

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provided a brief overview of each subcommittee; Accessible Transportation, Cooperate Policy and Procedures, Facility Accessibility Design, and Promotional Awareness. Ms. Obaseki conducted a call for interest to sit on those subcommittees.

Alfie Smith, Citizen Member inquired about remote participation for the sub-committees. Ms. Obaseki noted that she would follow up with the Deputy Clerk.

Members of the Committee noted that the changing dynamics and language surrounding Accessibility should be one of the focal points for discussion under the Promotional Awareness Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Carol-Ann Chafe, Emily Daigle, and Steven Viera be appointed to the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2022 or until a successor is appointed.
2. That Anita Sampson Binder, Carol-Ann Chafe and Rabia Khedr be appointed to the Corporate Policies and Procedures Subcommittee of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2022 or until a successor is appointed.
3. That Carol-Ann Chafe, Emily Daigle, Clement Lowe, Steven Viera and Asim Zaidi be appointed to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2018 or until a successor is appointed.
4. That Anita Sampson Binder, Carol-Ann Chafe, Alfie Smith, Steven Viera and Asim Zaidi be appointed to the Promotional Awareness Subcommittee of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2018 or until a successor is appointed.

Approved (S. Wall)

Recommendation AAC-0018-2019

9.3. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor provided a brief presentation with respect to the potential change of the Provincial disability definition to align with the Federal disability definition as per Councillor Saito's request. Mr. Sadler noted the two potential areas that may change are; the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act's (AODA)* to align with the *Accessible Canada Act (ACA)* and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) to align with the Canadian Pension Plan Disability Benefit (CPP-D). Mr. Sadler noted each of the definitions and how they vary. The ACA disability definition is much broader than the AODA, while the CPP-D contains more specific conditions than ODSP, which may impact how individuals qualify for ODSP.

Councillor Saito inquired if a public consultation would be conducted and suggested that the AAC should prepare a position and request Council to endorse a motion to send to the Province. Members of the Committee suggested a subcommittee to further discuss in more

detail and other members would like to have further information before taking a stance. Councillor Saito noted that the Region of Peel's AAC should be addressing this matter as well and that the MPPs (Members of Provincial Parliament) and the public be informed of the recommendations and potential changes underway.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the verbal update provided by Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor with respect to the *Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* be received.
2. That Dan Sadler, Accessibility Specialist report back to a future Accessibility Advisory Committee and/or subcommittee regarding the recommendations pertaining to the *Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0019-2019

9.4. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member provided a brief verbal update on the matters discussed at the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee. Ms. Chafe noted that the International Day of Persons with Disabilities will take place on December 3, 2019 and that volunteers were requested to assist with the planning.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update provided by Naz Husain and Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Members and Members of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee be received.

Received (S. Viera)

Recommendation AAC-0020-2019

9.5. AAC Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2019-2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be deferred to the next AAC meeting for further discussion.

Received (C. Lowe)

Recommendation AAC-0021-2019

9.6. Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Committee Work Plan will be deferred to the next AAC meeting for further discussion.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)

Recommendation AAC-0022-2019

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report – March 18, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Ecosource Accessible Garden Initiatives to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on March 18, 2019, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives Ecosource is undertaking with respect to accessible gardens.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0023-2019

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding WZMH Architects City Centre Transit Terminal Accessibility Upgrades to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on March 18, 2019, be received;
2. That the Committee recommends overhead and stand-alone pillar signing be installed at the transit terminal for way-finding purposes.
3. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives WZMH Architects is undertaking with respect to transit terminal upgrades.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0024-2019

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Baker Turner Inc. Pheasant Run Park Expansion to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on March 18, 2019, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives Baker Turner Inc. is undertaking with respect to the park expansion.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0025-2019

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding the City of Mississauga's Civic Centre Great Hall Infill to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on March 18, 2019, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to the great hall infill.

Received (C. Chafe)

Recommendation AAC-0026-2019

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – Nil.**12. COMMITTEE UPDATE/OTHER BUSINESS**

- 12.1. Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member invited Members of the Committee to attend the Global Accessibility Awareness Day on May 16th, 2019 at the Microsoft Store in Square One prior to the Coalition Fair. Microsoft will present and demonstrate assistive technology. A formal invite will be sent out to the AAC Members via email.
- 12.2. Councillor Saito noted that the City has provided a space for The Disability Channel at the Paramount Find Foods Centre.
- 12.3. Councillor Saito noted that she gave an opening speech and highlighted the successes at the Abilities Expo.
- 12.4. Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Specialist noted the Coalition Fair is on May 16th, 2019 and Accessibility Planning will have a table at the event.
- 12.5. Dan Sadler, Accessibility Supervisor noted that the next AAC meeting on June 17th, 2019 will include a facilitation session regarding the work plan.
- 12.6. Councillor Saito's Senior's Fair is on Friday May 31st, 2019 at 10am.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S) - Monday, June 17, 2019 – 2:00 PM, Civic Centre, Committee Room A, 2nd Floor**14. ADJOURNMENT – 4:01 PM**