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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AAC#02-18

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018
2:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 2:08 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members of the Committee in attendance:

Lilian Hulme-Smith (Chair)
George Tannous (Vice Chair)
Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora
Marisol Pestana
Simon Waldman

Regrets:

Jenny Clement
Rosanna Giannasca
Marion Menezes
Manfred Segall

Staff:

D. Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator
J. Ward, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

Corinna Thomassen-Darby, Planner, Greenspace Conservation, and Deanna Cheriton, Supervisor, Greenspace Conservation, Toronto Region Conservation Authority were also in attendance at the invitation of the Committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Minutes – Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#01-18 held February 14, 2018

Moved by: G. Tannous

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#01-18 held on February 14, 2018, be adopted.

Carried

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

2. Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects - Presentation by Corinna Thomassen-Darby, Planner, Greenspace Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Corinna Thomassen-Darby, Planner, Greenspace Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) made a presentation to Committee regarding the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects. She introduced the project team in attendance, Deanna Cheriton, Supervisor, Greenspace Conservation, TRCA, and Town staff Josh Ward, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator, noting that the TRCA in partnership with the Town was undertaking a public planning process for two specific trail planning needs within the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR), the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project. She reviewed the boundaries for each of the projects, trail design, tread materials, surrounding area details, alternative concepts, public engagement timelines and the final proposal outline, and stated that the overall trail was mainly flat and not considered a difficult trail. C. Thomassen-Darby displayed renderings of the trail and concluded the presentation by reviewing the trail length, maximum and average slope, signage, benches, and next steps.

Members of Committee provided comments to the trail width and surface materials, indicating that the current width may limit the turning ability for larger wheelchairs and that the proposed limestone surface material would erode over time, and would result in reduced grip creating difficulties for persons operating a wheelchair. Committee suggested changing the surface material and using

permeable asphalt, recognizing it would be costly, but would be of greater benefit to the community in the long term.

Committee requested to look beyond the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* and Building Code guidelines, in order to consider the aging population and people with disabilities in York Region, and to invite comments from persons with varying disabilities in order to broaden and capture all needs.

Committee discussed the importance of strategically locating signage and washrooms and the need for portable washrooms, electrical power outlets and more benches and rest areas on the trail.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That the presentation by Corinna Thomassen-Darby, Planner, Greenspace Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, regarding the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

3. SRCFS.18.013 – Richmond Hill 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan

Daniel Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator, made a presentation to Committee regarding the Richmond Hill 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan. He advised that the 2017 Status Report had met the deliverables outlined in the 2013-2017 Multi-Year Plan and highlighted the initiatives taken by the Town as part of providing accessible services.

Moved by: S. Waldman

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Committee of the Whole:

- a) That the 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan, attached as Appendix A to staff report SRCFS.18.013, be received;
- b) That the 2017 Status Report be posted on the Town's website as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA).

Carried Unanimously

4. SRCFS.18.014 – Richmond Hill 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Daniel Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator, reviewed staff report SRCFS.18.014 regarding the Richmond Hill 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP). He advised that the new MYAP would continue Richmond Hill's commitment to ensuring that the Town continues to meet and exceed its obligations to identify, prevent and remove barriers for persons with disabilities, and highlighted the goals of the 2018-2022 MYAP.

Members of Committee suggested that exit interviews be conducted for Committee Members finishing their term of appointment to the Committee in order to obtain feedback that would assist the Town with its efforts on improving accessibility.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Committee of the Whole:

- a) That the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, attached as Appendix A to staff report SRCFS.18.014, be approved;
- b) That the approved 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted on the Town's website as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Carried Unanimously

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on May 16, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: S. Waldman

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Carried