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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AAC#03-18

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018
2:00 p.m.**

MEETING NOTES

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members of the Committee in attendance:

George Tannous (Vice Chair)
Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora
Simon Waldman

Regrets:

Lilian Hulme-Smith (Chair)
Jenny Clement
Rosanna Giannasca
Marion Menezes
Marisol Pestana
Manfred Segall

Staff:

D. Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator
D. Winborn, Elections Coordinator
S. Huycke, Town Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

A general discussion and update was held as there was no quorum at the meeting.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

2. 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan

Daniel Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator, introduced Donna Winborn, Elections Coordinator, and provided Committee with an overview regarding the 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan. He reviewed the 5 objectives for the 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan, which included: Reviewing and Identifying Barriers to Accessibility; Information and Communications to Removing Barriers; Ensuring Accessible Voting Locations; Accessible Voting Options; and Providing Accessibility Training.

Members of Committee inquired what types of alternative formats would be available for the post-election accessible survey to persons with disabilities, if proxy voting was available, where to find information and communications to removing barriers, and their support for an increase to the number of advance voting locations per ward. A member of committee shared their past experience accessing a ramp at a voting location, and requested if additional accessible parking could be temporarily allocated on Election Day.

Discussion was held regarding whether constituency offices were required to be accessible and who would be responsible for making voting material accessible; curbside voting being available for persons with physical disabilities; whether Richmond Hill had considered internet voting for the 2018 Municipal Election; the long-term care facilities and retirement residences that were secured as a voting location, and hospital patients having an opportunity to vote on Election Day.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on September 19, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.