



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

AAC#03-19

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

Committee Members Present: Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)
Bernardina Bathory
Kidambi Raj
Lisa Rosenberg
Patricia Rybka
Paul Scotland
Simon Waldman

Regrets: Lopa Banerjee (Vice-Chair)
Marisol Pestana
Paul Edwards
Edwin Greenfield

Staff Members Present:

R. Hypolite, Supervisor, Parking Control and Enforcement
D. Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Raj

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk

Carried Unanimously

2. 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.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes**3.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-19 held June 27, 2019**

Moved by: K. Raj

a) That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-19 held on June 27, 2019, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4. Scheduled Business**4.1 Inclusion Services in Richmond Hill's Recreation and Culture Programs - Presentation by Jennifer Anderson, Program Coordinator - Summer Camp, School Holiday and Inclusion, and Stefanie Cuda, Inclusion Services Assistant**

Jennifer Anderson, Program Coordinator – Summer Camp, School Holiday and Inclusion, provided an overview of the services provided by the Inclusion Services Section of the Recreation and Culture Division. She outlined the different types of support available to individuals in recreation programs and camps, and noted that the City of Richmond Hill offered many Adapted Programs and Events to people with disabilities.

S. Cuda and J. Anderson provided details on events held for children and youth with disabilities, including the inclusive Santa photo session, the Try a Sledge event and the Try a Bike event. S. Cuda also advised of a new summer camp program held this past summer called Camp AdaptAbility, which was an adapted camp specifically for teenagers with disabilities.

S. Cuda provided a summary of registration numbers for the adaptive programs, inclusive recreational programs and summer camps, and noted the number of summer camp staff trained on Adapted Programming. J. Anderson concluded by sharing the plans for the Inclusion Services Programs going forward.

Members of the Committee extended their gratitude for the work of Inclusion Services and inquired as to how their programs were advertised. J. Anderson and S.Cuda welcomed the assistance of the Committee in connecting with school boards in order to disseminate program

information. Inclusion Staff also agreed to advise the Committee of future inclusion events as members expressed interest in attending.

Moved by: S. Waldman

a) That the presentation by Jennifer Anderson, Program Coordinator - Summer Camp, School Holiday and Inclusion Services, and Stefanie Cuda, Inclusion Services Assistant, regarding Inclusion Services in Richmond Hill's Recreation and Culture Programs, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Discussion regarding Accessible Parking Availability on Private Property

Councillor Cilevitz, Chair, provided introductory remarks regarding accessible parking and noted that it continued to be a concern, specifically with respect to how it was administered and regulated.

Daniel Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator, summarized a conversation he had with Tracey Steele, Director By-Law and Licensing Enforcement, regarding Oxford Properties (Hillcrest Mall). He advised that Oxford Properties was in compliance with the Disabled Parking By-law, and that they have their own corporate policy on accessible parking which they claimed was compliant with the Design of Public Spaces Standard.

Patty Burton, former member of the Toronto Police Service, spoke about her time working in Parking Enforcement and invited members to contact her should they have any questions regarding accessible parking and enforcement.

Rose Hypolite, Supervisor Parking Control Enforcement, advised that By-law staff have been patrolling Oxford Properties often. She was also made aware of a parking lot renovation that had accessible features removed, and of the need for accessible curbs on islands at Hillcrest Mall. Members also sought clarification on regulations surrounding disabled parking spots, with respect to the minimum number required and the minimum width.

4.3 Government of Ontario's Proposed Changes to the Information and Communications Standard in the Accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA): Submission of Feedback from the City of Richmond Hill's Accessibility Advisory Committee

Daniel Ruberto, Legislative and Accessibility Coordinator, advised that the Government of Ontario was seeking feedback on the draft recommendations for proposed changes to the accessibility standards. Members of the Committee agreed to individually provide their feedback using the web-link that was provided.

Moved by: P. Rybka

a) That the Government of Ontario's Proposed Changes to the Information and Communications Standard in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA): Submission of Feedback from the City of Richmond Hill's Accessibility Advisory Committee be received.

Carried Unanimously

4.4 General Accessibility Issues in the City of Richmond Hill

A member of committee proposed changing the start time of future meetings to 3 p.m. Clerk's Office staff would consult with the City Clerk on the feasibility.

A member of committee inquired on the possibility of obtaining business cards for the purpose of addressing accessibility concerns in the City of Richmond Hill. Discussions ensued

Members also raised concerns regarding the surface materials used on pathways at Mill Pond and Phyllis Rawlinson Park, as it created operational difficulties and damage to assistive devices.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on November 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Rybka

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Carried