



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

AAC#03-21

Thursday, October 7, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

An Electronic Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz - Chair
Lopa Banerjee - Vice-Chair
Joseph Frankfort
Marisol Pestana
Kidambi Raj
Lisa Rosenberg
Paul Scotland
Simon Waldman

Regrets: Bernadina Bathory
Paul Edwards
Patricia Rybka

The following members of staff were present via videoconference:

R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
B. Inglis, Legislative and Projects Advisor and Lottery Licensing Officer
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
S Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to her absence as Chair at the last committee meeting, noting that her husband was critically ill with COVID-19, and is continuing his recovery at home after a long hospital stay. Chair Cilevitz thanked committee members and Clerk's staff for ensuring meetings continued to run smoothly, and shared her hope for successful meetings for the remainder of the year.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Raj

a) That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

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 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-21 held May 6, 2021**

Moved by: L. Banerjee

a) That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting AAC#02-21 held May 6, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

4. Scheduled Business**4.1 SRCFS.21.050 - 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – Presentation by Brian Inglis, Legislative and Projects Advisor**

Brian Inglis, Legislative and Projects Advisor and Lottery Licensing Officer, made a presentation regarding the 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. He advised that preparing and publishing an annual report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) was one of the City's obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), and was an opportunity to inform the community about specific efforts taken to ensure Richmond Hill was an accessible community.

B. Inglis provided an overview of the Status Report and began by noting that the Acting Mayor had provided an introductory message to highlight a few of the City's key accomplishments. B. Inglis advised that the report was divided into five sections based on the AODA regulations and provided a brief summary of each. The five sections were as follows:

- Accessible Customer Service
- Providing Clear and Accessible Information
- Accessible Employment Practices

- Accessible Design of Public Spaces
- General Accessibility Initiatives

B. Inglis concluded by advising that the final page of the Status Report provided an opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback on the report or accessibility matters in general.

Members of Committee thanked staff for their efforts with respect to the report. Staff addressed questions regarding the accessibility of the Status Report, and the availability of braille printing at the City.

Moved by: K. Raj

a) That staff report SRCFS.21.050 regarding the 2020 Status Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received, and;

b) That the 2020 Status Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted to the City's website in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Carried

4.2 Correspondence from Joseph Silva, Regional Municipality of York, dated September 24, 2021, regarding the 2021 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Professional Development Forum

Ryan Ban, Deputy City Clerk, advised that the Regional Municipality of York had reached out to seek representation from the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee. Chair Cilevitz encouraged members of the Committee to participate, and directed individuals to reach out to R. Ban if they were interested.

Moved by: S. Waldman

a) That the correspondence from Joseph Silva, Regional Municipality of York, dated September 24, 2021, regarding the 2021 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Professional Development Forum, be received.

Carried

4.3 Proposed 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by: L. Banerjee

a) That the 2022 meeting schedule for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was scheduled on Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Scotland

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.