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REGION OF PEEL

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

AAC-1/2018

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on February 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, Ontario.

Members Present: C. Belleth; F. Dale♦; M. Daniel; D. Farrace; A. Groves; N. Husain; M. Mahoney; M. Palleschi; L. Soulliere♦

Members Absent: R. Chopra; R. Khedr; T. Tamlin

Also Present: M. Killeavy, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; J. Jackson, Director, Culture and Inclusion; A. Adams, Acting Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; V. Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist; J. Jones, Legislative Specialist; H. Gill, Committee Clerk; D. Obaseki, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by Dely Farrace.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dely Farrace, Committee Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

*See text for arrivals

♦See text for departures

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Naz Husain;

RECOMMENDATION AAC-1-2018:

That the agenda for the February 15, 2018, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

4. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 4.1. Minutes of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC-5/2017) meeting held on November 30, 2018

Received

5. DELEGATIONS

- 5.1. **Kendrick Doll, Natural Heritage Coordinator, Ontario Heritage Trust**, Providing an Update and Requesting Feedback Regarding Accessibility Enhancements to the Master Plan for the Cheltenham Badlands Property in Caledon

Received

Kendrick Doll, Natural Heritage Coordinator, Ontario Heritage Trust, provided an update on the Cheltenham Badlands property with respect to enhancements for the 2018 season and the Master Plan scheduled implementation phases.

In response to questions raised by Committee Members regarding the on-street parking and road side accessible drop-off point, it was noted that the construction was completed in accordance with the applicable municipal standards and that the accessible parking space will be linked to the accessible boardwalk. The upper viewing area on the site will have designated parking spaces with no time restrictions. He further explained that Ontario Heritage Trust will focus on monitoring pedestrian and vehicle visitor patterns in the 2018 season to assist with making larger scale infrastructure decisions.

Naz Husain, Committee Member requested that the York Region Accessibility Design Guidelines for Trails be shared with the committee.

6. REPORTS

- 6.1. **Accessible Transportation Update (Oral)**

Presentation by David Margiotta, Manager and Rhiannon Oliveira, Project Advisor, Accessible Transportation

Received

David Margiotta, Manager and Rhiannon Oliveira, Project Advisor, Accessible Transportation, provided an update on the Accessible Transportation program with respect to the new TransHelp application process, eligibility criteria, application decisions and recertification progress. The focus of the program for this year is to: develop a Passenger Travel Training program; continue working with the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) on the Passenger Assist Program; create a Quality Control Measure Program and invest in new technology to better understand service needs.

In response to questions raised by Naz Husain, Committee Member, regarding the Passenger Assist Program and the role that the LHINs will play with respect to funding, it was noted that the LHINs recognize there is a need for service and that they have an important role to play in the process. The Region of Peel will continue to work with the LHINs to share and leverage expertise in transportation.

6.2. Alton Village - Phase 1 Road Improvements and Streetscaping (Oral)

Presentation by Serguei Kabanov, Project Manager, Roads - Design and Construction, Transportation

Received

Serguei Kabanov, Project Manager, Roads - Design and Construction, Transportation, provided an update on Phase 1 of the Alton Village project with respect to the project background, roads and boulevards, rest areas, lay by parking, project timelines and key accessibility features.

In response to questions raised by Committee Members regarding the width of the roadway and cyclist safety, Serguei Kabanov noted that the design of the project was in accordance with the latest standards and guidelines and consultation with both the active transportation group and cyclist community was undertaken. Proposed improved safety measures will include reduced speed limits, installation of "Share the Road" signage and traffic calming measures.

Linda Soulliere departed at 2:44 p.m.

Regional Chair, Frank Dale departed at 2:45 p.m.

6.3. Region of Peel 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan (For information)

Presentation by Tim Ivanyshyn, Elections Specialist, Legislative Services and Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Specialist, Culture and Inclusion

Received

Tim Ivanyshyn, Elections Specialist, Legislative Services and Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Specialist, Culture and Inclusion, provided information on the Region of Peel 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan. They outlined the Region of Peel's commitment to removing barriers and improving accessibility during the upcoming election season in areas of accessible customer service, information and communication, employment and training, accessible transportation, accessible regional facilities and accessible candidate information.

Feedback from the committee was requested on areas that may improve accessibility for the 2018 election and also areas that may be improved upon for future elections following completion of the 2018 election. A report will be prepared within 90 days after voting day for feedback and areas for improvement.

In response to questions raised by Councillor Mahoney, regarding the ability to implement Vote Anywhere technology for the election of Regional Chair, it was noted that the lower tier municipalities could choose to implement Vote Anywhere election methods.

In response to questions raised by Dely Farrace, Committee Chair, regarding barrier removal guidelines for electors, Tim Ivanyshyn informed the committee that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is coming out with new guidelines that will be made available on the Region of Peel's website along with the Region of Peel 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan.

6.4. Accessibility Planning Program Update – February 15, 2018

Received

Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update on the Site Plan and Construction Advisory Working Group. It was noted that preliminary meetings with staff have been undertaken to determine how much planned construction work is underway and how the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* impacts these projects. Once the number of projects have been determined the working group will consider the next steps. Committee members were also encouraged to complete the survey from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. **Alfred Spencer, Director, Accessibility Outreach, Education and Referral Branch, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario**, Email dated December 6, 2017, Regarding Consultation of Accessibility Advisory Committees

Received

7.2. **Michelle McQuigge, The Canadian Press**, Article dated December 29, 2017, Regarding the Expected Introduction of Accessibility Standards by the Federal Government in 2018

Received

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Harjit Gill, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4854 or at harjit.gill@peelregion.ca.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.