



REGION OF PEEL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

AAC - 3/2019

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on June 20, 2019 at 1:31 p.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, Ontario.

Members Present: C. Belleth; C. Chafe; R. Chopra; P. Crawford-Dickinson; M. Daniel; P. Fortini*; N. Iannicca; A. Karim; M. Mahoney; I. Sinclair

Members Absent: A. Groves; N. Husain; A. Misar

Also Present: A. Farr, Commissioner of Public Works; C. Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director, Legal Services; J. Jackson, Director, Culture and Inclusion; V. Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist; J. Jones, Legislative Specialist; H. Gill, Committee Clerk; T. Kobikrishna, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by R. Chopra

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION AAC-8-2019:

That the agenda for the June 20, 2019, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Anthony Frisina, Delegate, The Forward Movement, Regarding The Region of Peel's Adoption of the Dynamic Symbol of Access

Received

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

Related to 5.1

Anthony Frisina, Delegate, The Forward Movement, provided an overview of the Movement's ongoing campaign to advocate and promote awareness to legally implement the Dynamic Symbol of Access as an alternative to the currently used International Symbol of Access. The new symbol focuses on the person and serves as a catalyst for dialogue, prompting a needed cultural shift on social and physical inclusion.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Dynamic Symbol of Access

RECOMMENDATION AAC-9-2019:

That the implementation of the Dynamic Symbol of Access at Region of Peel facilities, be endorsed;

And further, that existing International Symbol of Access images on 138 accessible parking spaces, as identified in the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services, titled "Dynamic Symbol of Access, be replaced in 2019 , to be funded from the current 2019 budget;

And further, that the remaining sites, as identified in the subject report, be replaced in 2020 and 2021 subject to budget approval;

And further, that the Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee send a letter to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility endorsing The Forward Movement accessible signage campaign.

Related to 4.1

Councillor Fortini arrived at 1:45 p.m.

5.2. The Butterfly Model of Dementia Care: Improving Quality of Life for People Living with Dementia

Presentation by Cathy Granger, Director, Long-Term Care and Mary Connell, Advisor, Dementia Care

Received

Cathy Granger, Director, Long-Term Care and Mary Connell, Advisor, Dementia Care, provided an overview of the Butterfly Model of Dementia Care. Implementation of the Butterfly Model at the Malton Village Long Term Care home in the Region of Peel has improved the day to day lives of its residents, their families and staff. The model of care helps to reduce discrimination and stigmatization around individuals living with illness by raising awareness; increasing accessibility to appropriate services; engaging staff in basic dementia care training; providing organizational partners with presentations, home tours and resources; and, working with the Ministry of Labour to produce training modules on reducing violence in the workplace. The program's success has been recognized by the Province of Ontario. Region of Peel staff are engaged in consultations to provide input for future care models.

In response to a question from Mary Daniel, Committee Member, regarding staffing requirements, Cathy Granger noted there is need for extra support staff, however, that will depend on budget approval.

In response to a question from Councillor Fortini regarding the provincial budget cuts, Cathy Granger noted there will be implications for long term care services and that staff are still investigating the impact.

5.3. Region of Peel's Waste Collection Services - Work to Address Accessibility in Waste Management

Presentation by Erwin Pascual, Manager, Waste Planning

Received

Erwin Pascual, Manager, Waste Planning, provided an update on the Region of Peel's waste collection services including an overview of walk-up service and medical exemptions; cart design accessibility features; waste program communication methods; accessibility accommodations and pilot programs in multi-residential buildings; and, new collection contract considerations.

In response to a question from Paula Crawford-Dickinson, Committee Member, regarding promotion of the walk-up service, Erwin Pascual noted that the program is not widely advertised, however, this need is determined as residents contact the Region. Member Crawford-Dickinson suggested that the information be made available on the Region's website to improve accessibility.

In response to a question from Raj Chopra, Committee Chair, regarding evaluation of the waste management programs, Erwin Pascual noted that feedback indicates all programs have been well received by the community.

Mary Daniel, Committee Member, suggested that community organizations like the Ontario Disability Support Program and the Coalition for Persons with Disabilities be informed of the walk-up and medical exemption programs to enable them to share the information.

5.4. Accessibility Planning Program Update - June 20, 2019

Received

Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update on the following matters:

- The next Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the York Transit facility in the spring of 2020.
- The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility will be holding a webinar series intended to provide an overview of the Province's Design of Public Spaces Standard and site plan approval process. AAC Members were encouraged to participate on July 4, 2019.
- The theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities event on December 3, 2019, is Inclusion by Design. The focus will be to strengthen partnerships and raise awareness of the importance of inclusion by design as we plan for the future needs of residents at all stages of life, building towards the vision of community for life.

- The accessibility compliance report was received from the Province and will be filed before the end of year.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. **Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility**, Email dated June 6, 2019, Regarding Notice of Ministry Training Webinar for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees

Received

7. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.