



**Tuesday, November 4, 2014  
6:30 p.m.**

**Council Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

**Members:** Bob Pesant, **Chair**  
Regional Councillor Sandra Hames – Wards 7 and 8  
Roger Evans  
Elaine Gate  
Janice Gordon  
Jeannie Jamieson  
Mary Pettingill  
Frank Raymond  
Randy Ross

**Absent:** Shereen Woodworth, **Vice-Chair** (regrets)  
Vinod Singh (see item G 1)  
Harvinder Bajwa (regrets)  
Glenda Coupland (regrets)  
Ray Desrochers (regrets)

**Staff:** Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services  
Sylvia Ingham, Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity Clerk,  
Corporate Services  
Earl Evans, Deputy City Clerk, Corporate Services  
Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services

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The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

After due consideration of the matters place before this Committee, the members beg leave to present its report as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>A. AAC025-2014</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<b>D 1. AAC026-2014</b>	<b>Accessibility Concerns in Brampton (File G25AAC)</b>
<b>D 2. AAC027-2014</b>	<b>Curb Cuts and Curb Depressions On City Pathways (G25AAC)</b>
<b>D 3. AAC028-2014</b>	<b>Update on Cart-Based Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection (File G25AAC)</b>
<b>E.</b>	<b>Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities</b>
<b>F 1. AAC029-2014</b>	<b>Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3 2014 (File G25AAC)</b>
<b>F 2. AAC030-2014</b>	<b>Sixth Annual Cruisers Cup Sledge Hockey Tournament (File G25AAC)</b>
<b>G 1. AAC031-2014</b>	<b>: Membership with Accessibility Advisory Committee (G25AAC)</b>
<b>H.</b>	<b>William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee</b>
<b>I.1.</b>	<b>David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility (File G25AAC)</b>

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- I.2. Metrolinx Public Accessibility Meetings  
(File G25AAC)**
- J. Future Agenda Items**
- K. Construction Projects**
- L. Question Period**
- M. Public Question Period**
- N. AAC032-2014 Adjournment**

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**A. Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

AAC025-2014 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014 be approved as amended as follows:

**To Add:**

- F 2. Verbal advisory from Frank Raymond, Citizen Member, re: **Sixth Annual Cruisers Cup Sledge Hockey Tournament** (File G25AAC).
- I 2. **Metrolinx Public Accessibility Meetings** (File G25AAC).

Carried

**B. Conflicts of Interest - nil**

**C. Minutes**

**C 1. Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of July 8, 2014**

The minutes and recommendations were approved by Council on August 6, 2014. The minutes were included on this agenda for information.

**D. Presentations/Delegations**

- D 1. Presentation by John Botelho, Brampton, Resident, re: **Accessibility Concerns in Brampton** (File G25AAC).

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Mr. John Botelho, Brampton resident provided an overview of his accessibility concerns relating to curb depressions in particular areas of the City. In addition, he commented on the accessible parking spaces and connections to the Shoppers World Mall (that are posing difficulties for individuals with scooters or strollers), the bus shelter glass appearing to obstruct the view for people crossing the intersection, and issues relating to Clarence Street.

Staff clarified that Shoppers World is private property, and suggested the possibility of sending a letter to property management outlining the concerns raised.

Councillor Hames asked staff to arrange a meeting with Mr. Botelho to discuss his concerns, to assist with clarifying those concerns and to make suggestions to rectify the issues.

Mr. Craig Kummer, Manager of Traffic Engineer Services and James Kornfehl, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services agreed to make arrangements with Mr. Botelho to help clarify his concerns.

The following motion was considered.

- AAC026-2014 That the delegation by John Botelho, Brampton Resident, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, re: **Accessibility Concerns in Brampton** (File G25AAC) be received.

Carried

- D 2. Presentation by Lisa Stokes, Member, Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee, and David Laing, Chair, Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee, re: **Curb Cuts and Curb Depressions On City Pathways** (G25AAC).

Ms. Lisa Stokes provided an overview of her involvement with the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee. Ms. Stokes advised the Committee that she has encountered several barriers throughout the

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city that discourage cycling and pose problems for individuals with accessibility issues.

Mr. David Laing, provided an overview of the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee (BBAC) and the concerns of the Committee relating to curb cuts and curb depressions on city pathways.

The following information was presented:

- Reviewed the City of Brampton and the Accessibility Advisory Committee commitment to ensure that people of all ages and abilities enjoy the same opportunities as they live, work, play, visit and invest in our city.
  - Preventing new barriers and reducing and removing current barriers for people with disabilities are essential for providing increased accessibility in a fiscally responsible manner.
  - People with disabilities represent a significant and growing part of our population.
- Requested that the Brampton Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse and support BBAC delegation to Committee of Council requesting a change to the current outdated policy to allow curb cuts to be installed on city pathways at mid-block intersections.
- Described the City of Brampton's current policy dating back to March 23, 1986.
- Stated BBAC opinion that the City of Brampton is creating a liability issue and such liability is assessed as follows:
  - Standard of care and foreseeability of risk
  - Inviting people to enter directly from a park walkway on to a road systemLiability Assessed by:
  - Reasonably foreseeable risk based on the trail use
  - Roadway bisecting a trail; there is a duty to install curb cuts because municipality knows trail users will cross

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- Expressed opinion that no need to wait for OTM Book 15 Amendments to draft a curb depression policy
- Noted the AODA IASRG compliance date is January 1, 2016
- Provided other municipal examples of curb cuts, such as:
  - Daventree Court in Mississauga
  - Mississauga Levi Creek Trail, Mid-Block Curb cut at Westbridge Way.
  - Caledon Trans Canada Rail Trail (Airport Road)
- Brampton New Construction – No pathway accessibility – Castlemore Road and Highway 50

Discussion included the following:

- Concerns about the safety of children with increased curb cuts
- Mr. Laing stated that signs should be installed to educate pedestrians at depressed curb cut intersections or mid-block curb cuts.
- Staff clarified that the city's Risk Management team does not support an increase in curb cuts being installed on city pathways at mid-block intersections
- Mr. Laing indicated that the current City of Brampton policy dates back to April 14, 1986 and has not been revised since
- Staff indicated that the City of Brampton is working on compliance by 2016
- Staff advised that a draft policy will assist in providing a standard for curb cuts on a case to case basis. Once the OTM Book 15 has been finalized the draft policy will be completed, targeted for January 2015.
- Mr. Laing opinion that a policy with a case by case basis would be unacceptable
- Mr. Laing statement that the release of the OTM Book 15 should not affect the development of a standardized policy
- Noted that a member of staff sits on the OTM Book 15 steering committee
- Questions regarding legislation and what it entails.

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- Clarification provided regarding legislation – legislation indicates where depressed curbs are to be provided with technical standards to be met
- Concerns raised about whether the delegation was within the Accessibility Advisory Committees mandate
- Suggestion to have staff from Legal and Risk Management attend a meeting to provide clarification before the AAC position is finalized
- Clarification by staff that the AAC is an advisory committee and may state a position only rather than approve a request.

The following motion was considered.

- AAC027-2014
1. That the presentation from Lisa Stokes, Member, Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee, and David Laing, Chair, Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, re: **Curb Cuts and Curb Depressions On City Pathways (G25AAC)** be received; and,
  2. That it is the position of the Accessibility Advisory Committee that the inclusion of curb cuts and depressed curbs on exterior paths of travel be supported.

Carried

- D 3. Presentation by Leigh-Anne Marquis, Technical Analysts, Waste Program Planning, Region of Peel and Paula Della Bianca, Technical Analysts, Waste Program Planning, Region of Peel, re: **Update on Cart-Based Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection (File G25AAC)**.

Leigh-Anne Marquis, Waste Management Planning, Region of Peel, provided an overview of the subject, which included the following information:



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- In November 2011, Regional Council approved four bi-weekly garbage collection pilot projects, each one year in length
  - Bag-based pilots in Brampton and Mississauga
  - Cart-based programs in Springdale (Brampton) and Alton (Caledon)
- In April 2013, RC unanimously approved the move to every-other-week cart-based garbage and recycling collection for all of Peel
- The new cart-based program will be in place starting January 2016
- A competitive bid process was completed for the cart manufacturing, distribution and maintenance that was awarded to IPL Inc.
- Photos provided of pilot project neighborhoods for committee to review before and after the program
- Reviewed suggestions received from Accessibility Advisory Committee:
  - Emboss the garbage and recycling carts so that persons with visual disabilities can differentiate between carts
  - Use bigger wheels or swivel wheels for easier maneuvering of the carts
  - Ensure the locks, latches and handles on the carts are accessible
- Educate individuals on cart placement so the emergency number (Caledon) is not blocked
- On September 26, 2013, Regional Council approved a walk-up service for residents that require it and meet the Region's criteria and requirements.
- Next Steps:
  - Staff will contact residents on existing curbside medical exemptions, informing them of the walk-up service
  - Staff will ensure that those not on the existing curbside medical exemptions who require the walk up service are aware of it.

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- Staff is developing an implementation plan that includes a communication strategy
- IPL have begun manufacturing the carts

Committee comments/questions included the following:

- The amount of garbage and recycling the bins hold.
  - The garbage and recycling collection is an automated collection system. It holds a maximum of 400 lbs of garbage. If the weight of the garbage bin exceeds the maximum weight, the garbage will not be collected. To date, no residential waste has exceeded 400 lbs.
  - The garbage cart holds up to 6 full black garbage bags.
  - New large recycling bin will hold 6 to 8 current small recycling bins.
  - New medium recycling bin will hold 4 plus current small recycling bins.
  - New small recycling bin will hold 2 current small recycling bins.
- Concerns relating to storage of the carts and whether garbage personnel will return carts to the proper location.
- Concerns with weather conditions, such as snow build-up.
- Clarification that the program is a tax base program and will save nine million dollars per year by switching to a cart base service. Service costs are funded through the individual tax base

The following motion was considered.

AAC028-2014     That the presentation from Leigh-Anne Marquis, Technical Analysts, Waste Program Planning, Region of Peel and Paula Della Bianca, Technical Analysts, Waste Program Planning, Region of Peel to the Accessibility

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Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, re:  
**Update on Cart-Based Garbage, Recycling and  
Organics Collection** (File G25AAC) be received.

Carried

**E. Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities - nil**

**F. Other/New Business**

**F 1. Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3 2014** (File G25AAC).

Mike Mulick, Acting Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview of the third quarter Accessible Parking Enforcement activities.

The following motion was considered.

AAC029-2014 That the **Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3 2014** (File G25AAC), to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, be received.

Carried

**F 2. Verbal advisory from Frank Raymond, Citizen Member, re: Sixth Annual Cruisers Cup Sledge Hockey Tournament** (File G25AAC).

Frank Raymond, Citizen Member, advised the Committee that the sixth annual cruisers cup sledge hockey tournament will be held in Brampton at Fletchers Creek November 8th to 9, 2014. He encouraged committee members to attend and support the teams.

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The following motion was considered.

- AAC030-2014 That the verbal advisory from Frank Raymond, Citizen Member, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, re: **Sixth Annual Cruisers Cup Sledge Hockey Tournament** (File G25AAC) be received.

Carried

**G. Correspondence**

- G 1. Correspondence from Vinod Singh, Citizen Member, dated September 5, 2014, re: **Membership with Accessibility Advisory Committee (G25AAC)**.

Committee reviewed the correspondence sent from Mr. Vinod Singh.

The following motion was considered.

- AAC031-2014 That the **Membership with Accessibility Advisory Committee (G25AAC)**, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 4, 2014, be received.

Carried

**H. William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee - nil**

**I. Information Items**

- I 1. **David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility** (File G25AAC).

This item was provided for Committee's information.

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I 2. **Metrolinx Public Accessibility Meetings** (File G25AAC).

This item was circulated for Committee's information.

J. **Future Agenda Items** - nil

K. **Construction Projects** - nil

L. **Question Period** - nil

M. **Public Question Period** - nil

N. **Adjournment**

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That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried