Agenda
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Committee of the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
6:30 PM. – Regular Meeting

Training Room - WT-2A
2nd Floor, West Tower – City Hall

Members: Glenda Coupland (Chair)
Frank Raymond (Vice-Chair)
Harvinder Bajwa
Harpreet Bhons
Vicki Faulkner
Sherri Hopkins
Karyn Pelkie
Mary Pettingill
Raymond Shaver
Therese Anne Sidler
Franco Spadafora
City Councillor Pat Fortini - Wards 7 and 8

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1. **Approval of Agenda**

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

3. **Minutes**
   3.1. Minutes – Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting – December 8, 2015

4. **Presentations/Delegations**
   4.1. Presentation, re: Accessible Parking and the City of Brampton
       Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator
       Mike Mulick, Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services
       Dave Monaghan, Coordinator, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services

   4.2. Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, City of Brampton – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation E-learning Training Module.

5. **Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities**

6. **Other/New Business**
   6.1. Appointment of AAC Representative to Serve on Taxicab Advisory Committee.
7. Correspondence


8. William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee

9. Information Items

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Construction Projects

12. Question Period

13. Public Question Period

14. Adjournment

   Next Regular Meeting – March 2, 2016
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**Members Present:**
- Glenda Coupland *(Chair)*
- Frank Raymond *(Vice-Chair)*
- Harvinder Bajwa
- Harpreet Bhons
- Vicki Faulkner
- Sherri Hopkins
- Karyn Pelkie
- Mary Pettingill
- Raymond Shaver
- Therese Anne Sidler
- Franco Spadafora

**Members Absent:**
City Councillor Pat Fortini - Wards 7 and 8 (personal)

**Staff Present:**
**Corporate Services Department:**
- Wendi Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services and Elections
- Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator
- Sylvia Ingham, Access, Inclusion and Diversity Clerk
- Earl Evans, Deputy Clerk
- Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

AAC029-2015 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be approved, as printed and circulated.

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** - nil

3. **Minutes**

3.1. Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015.

The minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, were approved by Council on December 9, 2015. The minutes were included on the agenda for information.

4. **Presentations/Delegations** - nil

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

6. **Other/New Business**

6.1. Memo from Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, dated December 4, 2015, re: **Committee Updates and Feedback**.

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings will be held in the West Tower, Boardroom WT- 2A Training Room located next to the elevators, starting in January 2016.
Committee discussed the frequency of meetings and confirmed that the current schedule for monthly meetings should remain the same.

Further discussion included the following:
- Reference to presentations previously made to Committee by City departments and outside agencies, such as Brampton Transit and Region of Peel
- Suggestion that staff from other departments and agencies, such as Building, Parks and Recreation, Fire Services, Peel Regional Services and Peel Paramedic Services, be invited to make presentations or provide information highlighting their roles and responsibilities as they relate to accessibility
- Questions about buildings along Main Street and Queen Street in downtown Brampton that are not considered accessible and what can be done to address this issue
- Staff response that correspondence was sent to downtown property managers suggesting that their properties be made more accessible; some positive responses were received, however, staff authority is limited with private property
- Committee’s roles and responsibilities in assisting people with disabilities; a suggestion that Committee identify areas in new and retrofit buildings, and work with staff to ensure that the needs of people with disabilities are accommodated
- Holding public education sessions to inform the community about accessibility requirements regarding parking etc.

Staff noted the comments provided and advised that consideration will be given to arranging presentations from City departments to Committee at future meetings.

The following motion was considered:

AAC030-2015 That the memo from Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, dated December 4, 2015, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: Committee Updates and Feedback, be received.

Carried
7. **Correspondence** - nil

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

9. **Information Items** - nil

10. **Future Agenda Items** - nil

11. **Construction Projects** - nil

12. **Question Period** - nil

13. **Public Question Period** - nil

14. **Adjournment**

AAC031-2015 That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Glenda Coupland (Chair)
Accessible Parking Spaces & the City of Brampton

February 9, 2016

Accessibility for Life
Initiating Accessible Parking

• Initial municipal involvement was December 1981 – By-law 316-81 was enacted

• By-law addressed:
  • issuing permits to peoples with physical disabilities – specifically for “…those confined to a wheelchair, restricted to the permanent use of crutches or braces, or who is otherwise disabled in such a way that his or her mobility is seriously restricted.”
  • permits were to be issued by Commissioner of Buildings and By-law Enforcement
  • the use of an identifying marker that included the international symbol for disability
  • the display of the identifying marker in the visor
  • limited use to those to whom the permit was issued
The Evolution of Accessible Parking

- By-law 317-81 also enacted in December 1981
- Identified the provisions of an accessible parking space, including the:
  - minimum number of accessible parking spaces to be provided
  - size and surface requirements
  - requirement for an additional space on one side of each designated space
  - details for the required signage
  - requirement that any parking fees charged would be the same for someone using a designated space as it would be for any other space
1980’s Changes Continue

- By-law 63-83 (March 1983) - permitted the use of licence plates with the international symbol of access, issued by the Ministry of Transportation to be deemed an approved and properly displayed identifying marker
- By-law 63-87 (March 1987) - exemption from paying for parking at meters
- By-law 94-87 (April 1987) – provision for the fine amount to be included on the accessible parking space sign
A Work in Progress Through the 90s

- Highway Traffic Act (1990) took on the responsibility of issue disabled parking permits, identified the terms for issuing the permits and established fines for misuse of designated spaces.

- By-law 201-91 (September 1991) – updated to include:
  - definition for permit and inclusion of disabled person parking permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act
  - additions to ensure access from public parking to buildings and maintenance requirements.

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Inception of Traffic By-law 93-93

- May 1993 - consolidation of highway and parking requirements – Traffic and Parking By-law
- Accessible parking addressed in Section 48 and included:
  - provision of spaces and the number required
  - physical requirements
  - signage – Highway Traffic Act requirements
  - use of parking spaces
Changes to the Traffic By-law

- July 2003 – parking exemptions for people with disabled parking permits were added to the By-law
- November 2003 – approval to increase the maximum fine for misuse of parking spaces to $5,000 and the addition of the Enforcement phone number to the Highway Traffic Act requirements on the sign
- May 2006 – language changes made to conform with the intent of the AODA
- May 2007 – access aisles and required markings identified, enforcement of access aisles added and permitted locations for curb cuts identified
More Changes

- January 2008 – housekeeping items and schedule included to identify permitted locations for curb cuts
- November 2009 – clarifications made regarding the blocking of access aisles
- April 2012 – requirement to apply and maintain the International Symbol of Access pavement markings
- November 2013 – implementation of the provincial parking regulations effective January 1, 2014
- January 2016 – requirements for accessible parking permits have changed and Service Ontario to issue permits
International Symbol of Access
Access Aisles

- Provided and marked to ensure adequate space to deploy a ramp
- Assists with determining the location of curb cuts for access
- Designed to be large enough to allow for ramp deployment and small enough to discourage parking in that space
- Can be located on either side of a single parking space and can be shared with two spaces
Curb Cuts and Access
Traffic By-law Schedule XXXI – Shared Access
Enforcement

- Size and configuration of the parking space and access aisle
- Pavement markings
- Signage
- Misuse of accessible parking permits
- Misuse of parking spaces
Questions
Ontario Introduces New Accessible Parking Permits

New Security Features and ID Requirements will Help Prevent Misuse

January 11, 2016 10:00 A.M.

Ontario is introducing new accessible parking permits designed to increase security and prevent misuse.

Beginning this week, ServiceOntario will be issuing accessible parking permits with enhanced security features that make them easier to verify and more difficult to duplicate. These changes apply to new permits only.

The new changes include:

- Machine readable barcodes, raised markings and serial numbers to help confirm that a permit is authentic
- Permits will no longer be laminated because it prevents the ability to verify the security features (a permit will be invalid if a customer laminates their new permit)
- A person applying on someone else’s behalf will need to show a letter of authorization or Power of Attorney document
- Applicants must show identification that includes their legal name, date-of-birth and signature such as a driver’s licence or passport

These improvements will help reduce the misuse of permits, ensuring accessible parking spaces are available to those who need them.

Improving accessibility is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up. The four-part plan includes investing in people’s talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

**QUOTES**

" Accessible parking permits are of utmost importance for persons with"
disabilities. A stronger, more secure permit will help root out misuse and ensure spaces are more available to those who need them."
- David Orazietti
Minister of Government and Consumer Services

"Ontario's new ID requirements are a good balance between verifying a person’s need for accessible parking and confirming their identity, while ensuring ease of access to an important service. This is a good improvement that will help persons with a disability."
- Andria Spindel
President and CEO, March of Dimes Canada

QUICK FACTS

- Current permits remain valid and do not have to be re-issued. The medical criteria to receive a permit remain unchanged.
- Almost 700,000 permits are currently in circulation. More than 194,000 permits were issued between April 2014 to March 2015.
- Accessible parking permits are issued to a person, not a vehicle. They can only be used when the person to whom it was issued is using the vehicle.
- Accessible parking rules are enforced by police and other law enforcement agencies.

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