Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Members: Glenda Coupland (Chair) 
Frank Raymond (Vice-Chair) 
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 

Members Absent: Harvinder Bajwa (regrets)

Staff Present: Corporate Services Department: 
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 6:36 p.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   AAC001-2016 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9, 2016, be approved, as printed and circulated.

   Carried

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

3. **Minutes**

   3.1 Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015.

   The minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, were approved by Council on January 27, 2016. The minutes were included on the agenda for information.

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, PIS

   Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator; Mike Mulick, Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services; and Dave Monaghan, Coordinator, Traffic Operations, gave a presentation on 'Accessible Parking Spaces and the City of Brampton' as follows:
Initiating Accessible Parking
- Initial municipal involvement was December 1981 – By-law 316-81 was enacted to addressed the issue of permits for people with physical disabilities

The Evolution of Accessible Parking
- By-law 317-81 enacted in December 1981 – identified the provisions of an accessible parking space including the minimum number of accessible parking spaces to be provided; and details for required signage

1980’s Changes Continued
- By-laws 63-83, 63-87 and 94-87 were enacted

A Work in Progress Through the 90s
- Highway Traffic Act in 1990 allowed for the issue of disabled parking permits
- By-law 201-91 updated to include definition for permit issued and additions to ensure access from public parking and maintenance requirements

Inception of Traffic By-law 93-93
- Provided for the consolidation of highway and parking requirements – Traffic and Parking By-law
- Accessible parking addressed in Section 48

Changes to Traffic By-law followed
- January 2016 – parking permit requirements changed and Service Ontario to issue permits
- International Symbol of Access

Access Aisles
Curbs Cuts and Access
Traffic By-law Schedule XXXI – Shared Access
Enforcement responsible for overseeing:
- Size and configuration of spaces and access aisles, pavement markings, signage, misuse of permits, and parking spaces

Committee and staff discussion included the following:
- Confirmation that an Enforcement Officer is dedicated to monitor and ensure by-laws pertaining to accessibility parking are complied with and where necessary, to take appropriate action for non-compliance
• Frequency of visits to sites and comment from staff that ‘blitzes’ are conducted on a regular basis at parking lots for banks, car dealerships, shopping malls, etc.
• Approximately 850 tickets were issued in 2015 for different offences including fraudulent permits
• Number of calls received daily averages a dozen
• Explanation that the information requested from a caller during the complaint process is necessary to validate and monitor calls, and prepare and protect officers from possible conflicts on arrival at a location
• Complaints of snow dumping in accessible parking spots at shopping centres
• Blocking and misuse of accessible parking spots at events in Downtown Brampton such as Bikers’ event, Farmers’ market, movie filming, etc.
• Accessible parking signs on the ground at all business locations must be visible at all times
• Size and number of accessible parking spots are legislated by the Province through the Design of Public Spaces legislation; however, some locations such as Bramalea City Centre provide more spaces than required

Staff noted the Committee’s comments regarding the blockage of accessible parking spaces during events in Downtown Brampton and advised that these occurrences will be reviewed.

The following motion was considered:

AAC002-2016 That the presentation by Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator; Mike Mulick, Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services and Dave Monaghan, Coordinator, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9, 2016, re: Accessible Parking and the City of Brampton, be received.

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

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, presented the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation E-Learning Module to Committee. She indicated that all City staff will be required to complete the module as part of the City’s customer service training. The information is available in alternative formats if required.

Staff noted comments with respect to debit machines being bolted to counters at some business locations which makes it difficult for people in wheelchairs to access.

The following motion was considered:

AAC003-2016 That the presentation by Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9, 2016, re: Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation E-Learning Module to Committee, be received.

Carried

5. Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities

6. Other/New Business

6.1. Appointment of AAC Representative to Serve on Taxicab Advisory Committee.

Mr. Earl Evans, Deputy Clerk, advised that a representative from the Accessibility Advisory Committee is requested to serve on the Taxicab Advisory Committee which was re-established by Council.

Harvinder Bajwa’s name was put forward; however, she was not in attendance at the meeting.
Raymond Shaver volunteered for the position and his offer was accepted by the Committee.

The following motion was considered:

AAC004-2016 That Raymond Shaver be appointed as the Accessibility Advisory Committee representative to serve on the Taxicab Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

Carried

7. **Correspondence**


The following motion was considered:

AAC005-2016 That the correspondence to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9, 2016, re: *Ontario Introduces New Accessible Parking Permits - Ministry of Government and Consumer Services*, be received.

Carried

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**

AAC006-2016 That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

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Glenda Coupland (Chair)