Tuesday, September 13, 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

Staff Present: City Clerk’s Office
Wendi Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services and Elections
Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator
Sylvia Ingham, Accessibility and Inclusion Clerk
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m., and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

AAC024-2016 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, be approved, as amended, to add the following item:

7.1. Correspondence from Councillor Pat Fortini, on behalf of Ken Bradley, Brampton resident, re: **Waiving Cost of Building Permit for Residential Wheelchair Ramp**

Carried

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

3. **Minutes**

3.1. Minutes - *Accessibility Advisory Committee - August 9, 2016*

The minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of August 9, 2016, were approved by Council on September 14, 2016 and provided for Committee’s information.

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

4.1. Keith McKibbon, Township of Amaranth, re: **By-law Changes for Handicap Persons.**

Keith McKibbon, Township of Amaranth, expressed concerns regarding accessible parking in Brampton. He stated that people illegally use accessible parking spaces which create difficulty for disabled persons. The process to report incidents of misuse to
Enforcement and By-law Services is frustrating as offenders leave the site before calls are answered. Mr. McKibbon felt that the rights of disabled persons need to be recognized. He requested consideration for the following:

- Use of accessible parking spaces and access aisles for the parking of non-vehicular transportation – wheelchairs, scooters, e-bikes etc.
- Wait times for answering calls to Enforcement and By-law Services (the offender has left the site before the call is answered or an officer is able to attend)
- The ability to have residents/parking space users record information on license plate vehicle make/model and colour for people misusing accessible parking spaces (no permit) and have that information provided to Enforcement Officers to issue a warning letter
- Accessibility training for Enforcement Officers

Mr. McKibbon indicated that he has delegated on this matter to the Towns of Orangeville and Shelburne.

Committee reviewed the issues and considered the following motion:

AAC025-2016 1. That the delegation by Keith McKibbon, Town of Amaranth, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, re: By-law Changes for Handicap Persons, be received; and

2. That it is the position of the Accessibility Advisory Committee that the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services
   - liaise with Traffic Operations with respect to parking of non-vehicular transportation – wheelchairs, scooters, e-bikes etc. in accessible parking spaces and access aisles;
   - review and comment on the following:
     a. wait times for Enforcement Officers to answer calls with respect regulating and
enforcing the improper use of accessible parking spaces (the offender has left the scene before the call is answered or an officer can attend)

b. the ability to have residents/parking space users record information such as, vehicle license plate, make/model and colour of vehicles that are misusing accessible parking spaces (no permit) and provide information to Enforcement Officers to issue a warning letter to the offender

c. accessibility training for Enforcement Officers

3. That a report be provided at a future meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried

4.2. Presentation by David Margiotta, Project Manager, Region of Peel, TransHelp, re: **Accessible Transportation Master Plan Update**.

David Margiotta, Project Manager, Region of Peel, TransHelp, presented the ‘Home 2 Hub – Pilot Project’ which is intended to provide alternative transportation to people with disabilities. It is an opportunity for TransHelp to explore options that may be incorporated with Transit policies to offer better service to its customers. Details of the project included:

- Change of service delivery
  - Five participants were selected for pilot project
  - Participants were picked up at home by Transhelp and dropped off at conventional hubs to test the new travel option
- People participated for various reasons
  - Promoting an integrated approach to transit
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- connecting with conventional transit offers more flexibility for trips and locations option

➤ Background information on two participants
  - participant 1 uses a motorized scooter to get around
  - participant 2 uses an electric chair to get around

➤ Early results
  - project started on July 25, 2016 with total of 81 trips completed August 2016
  - participants reported satisfaction with the flexibility of the Home 2 Hub

➤ Next steps
  - collect feedback on ways to engage and inform the community
  - provide update to Committee at a future meeting

Committee discussed the matter and suggested that TransHelp staff contact and provide information to the following:
- agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities on a daily basis, e.g. Community Care Access Centres (CCACs)
- foundations, such as Erinoak and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- school boards
- nursing and retirement homes
- Provincial and Federal governments for publication on their websites
- City Council meetings that are broadcast to the Community

In response to a question on the scope of the project, Mr. Margiotta indicated that the pilot was limited to major transit terminals.

The following motion was considered:

AAC026-2016 That the presentation by David Margiotta, Project Manager, Region of Peel, TransHelp, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, re: Accessible Transportation Master Plan Update be received.

Carried
4.3. Doug Miller, Senior Manager, and Kim Krawczyk, Project Coordinator, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: Development of a Fitness Trail at Heart Lake Conservation Area.

Doug Miller, Senior Manager, and Kim Krawczyk, Project Manager, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, advised that the development and construction of a fitness trail at Heart Lake Conservation Area is underway. The intent is to improve outdoor features on the property by offering additional accessible equipment in an effort to be more inclusive of people with disabilities. They provided an overview of the Conservation Area and highlighted sites within the fitness trail:

- Amenities
- Activities
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Equipment locations
  - Site 31: accessible opportunities
    - details regarding parking, grades, equipment and paths
- Mobile and stationary equipment
- Instruction on use of equipment
  - instructional signage
  - mobile application
- Project schedule
  - Anticipated opening – Spring 2017

Committee discussion in this matter included:

- Options to integrate parking near Site 31
- Number of designated accessible parking spaces and location in proximity to facilities
- Accessible surfaces for assistive mobility devices and people who have mobility related disabilities – gravel and wood chips are unsuitable; whether an asphalt path may be considered
- Consideration for risk of injury
- Location of washrooms close to the accessible components
- Appropriate user friendly signage
- Whether there is an area closer to the splash pad that may be expanded to include the accessible fitness components
• Suggestion that TRCA contact agencies that provide services to persons with special needs for assistance and input

Staff advised that there is a rubber/tire based material that is a suitable for accessible surfaces and is used for impact attenuation under playground equipment. Staff suggested that a broader perspective should also be considered regarding the accessibility of the fitness equipment for people with non-mobility related disabilities.

The delegations acknowledged and thanked Committee and staff for the comments and feedback. They explained that given the nature of the terrain at Heart Lake Conservation and budget limitations, the issues and concerns expressed will be reviewed and considered. An update will be provided at a future meeting of the Committee.

The following motion was considered:

AAC027-2016 That the presentation by Doug Miller, Senior Manager, and Kim Krawczyk, Project Manager, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, re: Development of a Fitness Trail at Heart Lake Conservation Area, be received.

Carried

5. **Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities**

6. **Other/New Business**

7. **Correspondence**

7.1. Correspondence from Councillor Pat Fortini, on behalf of Ken Bradley, Brampton resident, re: **Waiving Cost of Building Permit for Wheelchair Ramp.**
Councillor Pat Fortini provided an overview of the correspondence received from a resident of Brampton requesting that the City consider a by-law to waive building permit fees for wheelchair ramps for residences.

Committee was advised that a request with respect to fees requires an amendment to the fee by-law and would be brought to the attention of Council.

Councillor Fortini stated that he would discuss the request with Building staff and provide an update to Committee at a future meeting.

The following motion was considered:

AAC028-2016 That the correspondence from Councillor Pat Fortini on behalf of Ken Bradley, Brampton resident, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, re: Waiving Cost of Building Permit for Residential Wheelchair Ramp, be received.

Carried

8. William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee

9. Information Items

9.1. News Release - Government of Canada - What does an accessible Canada mean to you?

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, provided an overview of the subject matter. It was suggested that Committee provide comments and feedback directly to the Ministry if they wished.

The following motion was considered:
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AAC029-2016  That the information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 21, 2016, re: News Release - Government of Canada - What does an Accessible Canada mean to you, be received.  

Carried  

9.2.  Toronto Star News Article - Blind MP to draft Canada's First National Accessibility Law.  

AAC030-2016  That the information to the Accessible Advisory Committee meeting of April 12, 2016, re: Toronto Star News Article - Blind MP to draft Canada's First National Accessibility Law, be received.  

Carried  

10.  Future Agenda Items  

11.  Construction Projects  

12.  Question Period  

13.  Public Question Period  

14.  Adjournment  

AAC031-2016  That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.  

Carried  

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Glenda Coupland (Chair)