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

May 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Council Committee Room
4th Floor, City Hall

Members:
Bob Pesant, Chair (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)
Regional Councillor Pat Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Harvinder Bajwa
Glenda Coupland
Elaine Gate (left at 7:39 p.m.)
Janice Gordon
Jeannie Jamieson
Frank Raymond
Mary Pettingill

Absent:
Shereen Woodworth, Vice-Chair (regrets)

Staff:
Wendi Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services & Elections
Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services
Sylvia Ingham, Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity Clerk, Corporate Services
Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and By-law Services, Corporate Services
Robert MacLeod, Acting Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, Corporate Services
Julie Muehlberg, Human Resources Advisor, Brampton Library
Earl Evans, Deputy City Clerk, Corporate Services
Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services
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The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

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M. Public Question Period

N. AAC009-2015 Adjournment

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Bob Pesant, Chair
A. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

AAC005-2015 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 12, 2015 be approved as amended,

To add:

F 2. Moment of silence requested by Mary Pettingill, Citizen Member, re: The passing of Barbara Turnbull, Disability Rights Champion.

Carried

B. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - nil

C. Minutes

C 1. Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of January 13, 2015.

The minutes were considered by Corporate Services Committee on January 21, 2015, and the recommendations were approved by Council on January 28, 2015. The minutes were included on this agenda for information.

D. Presentations/Delegations


Bob Goyesche, Managing Partner and Architect, Rounthwaite Dick and Hadley Architects Inc. provided an overview of the subject, which included the following:
Key Plan
- Branch Library
- Multi-Purpose Rooms
- Splashpad
- Playground
- Shade Structure
- Contemplative Garden
- Parking Lot

Site Plan
- Building Entrances
- Accessible Parking Spaces
- Curb Cuts

Level 100 Plan
- Door Operators
- Turning circles

Women’s / Universal Washroom Facilities
Men’s Washroom / Typical Vestibule
Typical Collection Layout
Sloped Walkway

In response to a question from Committee, Mr. Goyesche advised that a tender to bid on the project is still in the process. No work has been started on the property at this point. It is expected that the building should be open in approximately 18 months.

The following motion was considered.

AAC006-2014 That the presentation from Bob Goyesche, Managing Partner and Architect, Rounthwaite Dick and Hadley Architects Inc., to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 12, 2015, re: Springdale Library and Neighbourhood Park Project (G25AAC) be received.

Carried
D 2. Presentation by Doug Rieger, Manager, Service Development, Brampton Transit, Public Services, re: Brampton Transit 2015 (File G25AAC).

Doug Rieger, Manager, Service Development, Transit, Public Services, provided an overview of the subject, which included the following information:

- **Brampton Transit today**
  - 364 Züm and conventional buses
  - Two transit garage facilities
  - 45 fixed routes – 2,300 bus stops
  - Approximately 954,000 revenue service hours (2013)
  - Transit ridership has increased by 177% since 2002 – averaging 11% annual increase since 2010 and the launch of Züm services

- **Fleet Accessibility**
  - Between 2004 and 2015, Fleet Accessibility increased from 43% to 96%
  - 264 buses are utilized for school specials
  - Full accessibility is expected by 2018
  - Currently accessibility is 96%

- **Anticipated by 2022 that 95% of bus stops will be fully accessible**

- **The vendor continues to improve the quality and volume of the voice annunciated messages**

- **Accessibility Initiatives**

- **2015 Transit Service Plan**
  - Launch of Steels West Züm
  - Increase number of accessible routes
  - Increase number of accessible bus stops

Committee discussion included the following:

- **Question whether operators require training and increased awareness to assist in situations where individuals may be experiencing problems, e.g. using the Presto card to pay on the bus**

- **Clarification that buses have an 18 year life cycle before replacement**
• Tie downs are available on the buses and drivers are trained to assist if passengers request assistance
• Questions relating to the design of pads at bus stops and what deems them to be accessible
• Bus stop pads must be wide enough for mobility devices to move around and make connections to the sidewalk and road crossings. Without these components, a bus stop is not defined as fully accessible.
• Older buses cannot be modified to make them accessible
• Transit advocates the installation of sidewalks and has a program with regards to expanding sidewalks
• Approximately 20 buses are not accessible and are primarily used for school specials
• Clarification regarding capital grants received from the provincial government for transit services
• Bus operators participate in refresher training every second year
• Transit operators work with the City and the Region of Peel to advise when there are issues regarding bus stops that are blocked with snow or other issues
• Questions relating to whether Transit is considering heated bus pads
• The introduction of solar powered bus shelters
• Suggestion to increase bench seating at bus stops in areas where there are more seniors, for example near nursing homes
• Confirmation that several buses service the hospital loop as part of their route

The following motion was considered.

AAC007-2013 That the presentation from Doug Rieger, Manager, Service Development, Transit, Public Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 12, 2015, re: Brampton Transit 2015 (File G25AAC) be received.

Carried
E. **Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities** – nil

F. **Other/New Business**

   F 1. **Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q1 2015** (File G25AAC).

   Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview and answered questions regarding the Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q1, 2015.

   Ms. Van Belkom advised the Committee that the 2015 initiative for Enforcement is achieving compliance by automotive dealerships regarding accessible parking. She also advised that Enforcement held three information sessions to provide contractors with the information to install accessible spaces. Contractors who were unable to attend one of the information sessions have the option to make individual appointments with Enforcement.

   Ms. Van Belkom also advised that contractors have expressed concern that the City of Brampton requirements for accessible parking spaces differ from other municipalities.

   Committee discussion included the following:

   - Clarification regarding provincial legislative requirements, municipal requirements and Traffic By-law requirements
   - Legislation does not specify the location of curb cuts; however, the City has made the appropriate changes to the by-law to identify these locations for accessibility purposes
   - Pavement markings are required by City by-law
   - Clarification that in 2012, Council approved changes to the by-law and achieved consistency for ground symbols for accessibility parking spaces
   - The evolving accessibility requirements have placed school boards behind with compliance.
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- Clarification that an accessibility sign (on a pole) combined with the ground symbol are the requirement
- Accessibility compliance regarding interior building codes is required by provincial legislation and represents a focus for the City’s Building Division
- Staff advised that this past winter, there was more concern with regard to accessible spaces not being cleared of snow, with snow piled in these spaces
- Opinion expressed that Enforcement Services should concentrate on major violations and send courtesy reminders for minor violations
- Explanation that requirements for accessible parking spots are decided by Council and the Province (legislation). Signage requirements are outlined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- The colour of the ground symbol was a decision of Council
- Suggestion that Enforcement increase patrols during special events downtown as the accessible parking spots on the street are being mis-used
- Question regarding how to report after hours parking concerns.
- Staff advised that individuals can call 311 on a 24 hour basis to express concerns regarding parking violations
- Confirmation that the Enforcement number, 905-458-3424, may also be used to report concerns.

The following motion was considered.

AAC008-2015 That the **Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q1 2015** (File G25AAC), to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 12, 2015, be received.

Carried
F 2. Moment of silence requested by Mary Pettingill, Citizen Member, re: The Passing of Barbara Turnbull, Disability Rights Champion.

The Committee observed a minute of silence to honour Barbara Turnbull’s contribution and dedication to disability rights.

Committee suggested sending correspondence to the family advising them of this recognition.

G. Correspondence - nil

H. William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee - nil

I. Information Items - nil

J. Future Agenda Items - nil

K. Construction Projects - nil

L. Question Period - nil

M. Public Question Period - nil

N. Adjournment

AAC009-2015 That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried