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

November 10, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Council Committee Room
4th Floor, City Hall

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

Members Absent:
Frank Raymond (Vice-Chair) regrets
Harpreet Bhons

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 6:39 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

AAC023-2015 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, be approved, as amended, as follows:

To defer:

4.1 Delegation request from Harmandeep Saini and Sarabjit Pahal, Brampton residents, re: **Brampton Transit Fare for People with Wheelchairs/Mobility Device**.

To add:

6.3 Discussion at the request of Sherri Hopkins, Member, re: **Accessibility at South Fletchers Recreation Centre**.

Carried

2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** – nil

3. **Minutes**

3 1. **Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015**.

The minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, were approved by Council on October 28, 2015. The minutes were included on the agenda for information.
4. **Presentations/Delegations**

4.1 Delegation request from Harmandeep Saini and Sarabjit Pahal, Brampton residents, re: **Brampton Transit Fare for People with Wheelchairs/Mobility Device.**

This item was deferred at the request of the delegation.

Dealt with under Approval of Agenda - Recommendation AAC023-2015

4.2 Delegation request from Anthony and Darcie Camilleri, Brampton residents, re: **Access Aisle and Accessible Parking.**

Anthony Camilleri, Brampton resident, advised that his wife Darcie Camilleri uses a wheelchair. As her chauffeur, he finds accessible parking spots inconvenient when the access aisles to exit and assemble the wheelchair are on the left side of the parking spot. Backing into spaces is especially difficult in winter with snow and ice. He felt that the parking spots serve no purpose if he is unable to park and assemble the wheelchair. To make the spots more usable, he suggested the parking portion of the space be widened and the access aisle be made on the passenger side of the parking space.

Committee consideration of this matter included:
- Accessible parking signs interfere with the back of the vehicle if drivers reverse into the spot
- Larger accessible spots required to accommodate wheelchair assembly
- Drivers sometimes need the access aisle for a ramp to exit vehicle
- Comment that the majority of drivers prefer the access aisle on the passenger side of the vehicle
- Suggestion that the access aisle would be more beneficial on both sides of the parking spot

Staff response to the matter included the following:
- Access aisles are not predetermined, people need access aisles to deploy ramps on the driver side of their vehicles
The City is in compliance with the new Provincial standards for accessible parking
- Numbers of accessible spots allocated to parking lots are calculated in accordance with Zoning parking provisions
- Existing properties are not required to comply with the new Provincial standards which have been in effect since January 2014
- Suggestions may be made to a property owner to comply with the new Provincial standards if a parking lot is undergoing major redevelopment, increased in size to, or upgraded
- When reviewing plans, staff may suggest that access aisles be considered on the passenger side; however, staff is limited in this regard

The following motion was considered:

AAC024-2015 That the delegation of Anthony and Darcie Camilleri, Brampton residents, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: Access Aisle and Accessible Parking be received. Carried

4.3 Presentation by Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, re: City of Brampton Accessibility Technical Standards Update (File BH.c)

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, made a provided an update on the City’s Accessibility Technical Standards follows:
- Standards include:
  - technical requirements to prevent new barriers and reduce and remove existing barriers
  - used to respond to the design of new facilities and retrofit of existing City facilities
- Standards were updated in accordance with:
  - Ontario Building Code (OBC)
Design of Public Spaces Standards
- deals primarily with components and amenities in the exterior built environment

- Process involved staff from various department staff in the City
- Impact to the City facilities include:
  - introduction of tactile walking surface for stairs and ramps
  - adult change tables and emergency call signals in washrooms
  - accessible pedestrian signals at crossings
  - specifications for all recreational trails
- Updates available mid-November 2015 and available on City’s website

Committee discussion included:
- safety of tactile walking strips on stairs, curb ramps and depressed curbs and the possibility of smaller wheels getting caught
- clarification provided regarding legislation which indicates where technical standards are to be met
- effective date of updated standards
- response from staff that motorized chairs should be driven on roads, not the sidewalks
- technical standards requirement for sidewalks in industrial malls and shopping malls and staff response that private property is not required to comply

The following motion was considered:

AAC025-2015 That the presentation by Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: City of Brampton Accessibility Technical Standards Update (File BH.c), be received.

5. Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities - nil

6. Other/New Business
6.1. **Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3 2015**

Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview the Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3, 2015, and the actions undertaken. She reported that despite the information sessions provided to line painting contractors, several locations were still not in compliance. She also noted that some schools have made changes to their parking lots, either upgrading or repaving, and inspections will continue to ensure compliance.

Staff responded to questions and comments regarding:
- specific distance between parking spots and entrance to apartment buildings
- distance should be reasonable; however, standards are approved through the site plan process and the location of the spot is at the discretion of the developer
- number of visitors’ parking for apartment buildings determined by the City Zoning regulations, based on a calculation for overall parking
- where possible, staff encourages accessible parking to be provided for residents living in apartment buildings
- line painters are not regulated by the City; confirmation that line painters are hired by property owners and the expectation is that they follow the requirements identified in the Traffic By-law
- whether stencils for painted lines have specific dimensions; staff response that the City has specific requirements that may be different from other municipalities

Staff noted a comment regarding large pot holes in the parking lot at Kingspoint Plaza, and advised that Property Standards, Enforcement and By-law Services will be notified.

The following motion was considered:

AAC026-2015 That the update by Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: **Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q3 2015**, be received.

Carried
6.2 Wendi Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services, and Elections, Corporate Services, re: **Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) 10th Anniversary Champion Award Winners:**

- Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator
- Harvinder Bajwa, Citizen Member

Wendi Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services, and Elections, Corporate Services, announced that Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator and Harvinder Bajwa, Citizen Member, are the recipients of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) 10th Anniversary Champion Awards. Ms. Hunter outlined the purpose of the award and the selection process, and noted that Ms. Goss and Ms. Bajwa were recognized for their contributions and commitment to promoting accessibility awareness in the community. Recipients will be recognized at a future Council meeting and Committee Members will be notified of the date and time.

Committee congratulated Ms. Goss and Ms. Bajwa on the awards.

6.3 Discussion at the request from Sherri Hopkins, Member, re: **Accessibility at South Fletchers Recreation Centre.**

Sherri Hopkins, Member, stated that she took her son who is in a wheelchair, to a game at South Fletchers Recreation Centre and he was unable to see the game as a platform that was previously available to accommodate her son was missing.

Staff advised that every effort is made to accommodate individuals with accessibility issues at recreational facilities. Staff will discuss and resolve the situation.
The following motion was considered:

AAC026-2015 That the request from Sherri Hopkins, Member, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: Accessibility at South Fletchers Recreation Centre be received.

Carried

7. **Correspondence - nil**

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

8.1 Memo from Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, dated October 30, 2015, re: William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference.

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, referenced the memo and William Osler Health System (WOHS) Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference that were circulated to Committee. She indicated that the WOHS Accessibility Advisory Committee has invited a Brampton Accessibility Advisory Committee member to attend the WOHS meetings and would consider an alternate to attend in the absence of the appointed member.

Members were requested to indicate if they were interested. Karyn Pelkie and Harvinder Bajwa, both expressed interest in attending the meetings. Staff advised that for consistency one member should be appointed and the second member as the alternate.

The following motion was considered:

AAC027-2015 1. That the memo from Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, dated October 30, 2015, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting of November 10, 2015, re: William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference, be received; and

2. That Harvinder Bajwa, Member, be appointed to attend the William Osler Health System (WOHS) Accessibility Advisory Committee as the representative of the City of Brampton Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

3. That Karyn Pelkie, Member, be appointed as the alternate to attend the William Osler Health System (WOHS) Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried

9. Information Items


Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, provided an overview of the snow removal financial assistance process as outlined in the documents provided to Committee.

9.2 Update from Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, re: International Day of Persons with Disabilities Employer Event.

Wendy Goss, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Services, provided an overview of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities Employer Event. Members were encouraged to attend the event on Monday November 30, 2015 at the Pearson Convention Centre.
9.3 Harvinder Bajwa, Member, circulated an invitation to an event, “Red and White Gala 2015,” hosted by the Canadian South Asians Supporting Independent Living. The event is on Friday, December 4, 2015, at the Shingar Banquet Hall, and it is in honor of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. She encouraged members to attend the event.

10. **Future Agenda Items** – nil

11. **Construction Projects** – nil

12. **Question Period**

12.1 Vickie Faulkner, Member, asked if the meeting room may be changed to a more accessible room located closer to the elevator, given that she has a disability. Staff advised that they will explore an alternate location for the next meeting.

13. **Public Question Period** – nil

14. **Adjournment**

AAC028-2015  That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Glenda Coupland (Chair)