



Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Members Present: Glenda Coupland (Chair)
Sherri Hopkins (Vice-Chair)
Harpreet Bhons
Steve Anthony Chronicles
Vicki Faulkner
Nicolle Guillen
Daleara Hirjikaka
Deepa Mohandoss
Nuno Alberto Peixoto
Franco Spadafora
Regional Councillor Pat Fortini - Wards 7 and 8

Members Absent: Bikki Singh (resigned – See item 6.7)
Nuno Alberto Peixoto
Raymond Shaver (regrets)
Vanessa Scott (resigned – See item 6.7)

Staff Present: **City Clerk's Office**
Teresa Olsen, Deputy City Clerk, Administrative
Services and Elections
Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and
By-law Services
Ryan Maiss, Accessibility Enforcement Officer
Shant Goswami, Accessibility Coordinator
Sylvia Ingham, Access, Inclusion and Diversity Clerk
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator

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The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

AAC001-2020 That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, be approved, as amended to add the following items:

6.6 Verbal update by Shant Goswami, Accessibility Coordinator, re: **Proclamation – June is National Deafblind Awareness Month**

6.7 Verbal update by City Clerk’s Office, re: **Resignation of the following members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

- Bikki Singh
- Vanessa Scott

Carried

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

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3.1. **Minutes – Accessibility Advisory Committee - October 8, 2019**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on November 13, 2019, and approved by Council on November 20, 2019. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information.

4. **Presentations/Delegations**

4.1. Delegation from Vasco Alcantara, Business Development Specialist Accessibility Certification, Rick Hansen Foundation, re: **Accessibility Certification Program**

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Vasco Alcantara, Business Development Specialist Accessibility Certification, Rick Hansen Foundation, provided a presentation on the Ontario Certification Project. He advised that with financial assistance from the Government of Ontario, the Rick Hansen Foundation established the Accessibility Certification program, which offers complimentary accessibility rating to non-profit, public and private organizations through an application process. The following was highlighted:

- Eligible municipalities in Ontario to receive free ratings
- Built environment and final design plans that may be rated
- How the program works
- Criteria to be used for selecting sites to be rated
- Timelines for the submission of applications for a complimentary rating

Mr. Alcantara explained that the application process was available online and the submission deadline will be extended to June 2020. He requested Committee's assistance to rank the top applications from the community to receive the complimentary accessibility rating.

Mr. Alcantara responded to questions and provided clarification regarding following:

- Process to review and rate design plans/drawings to achieve the accessibility certification before construction
- Whether meeting the requirements of the Ontario Building Code was sufficient to achieve the certification

Committee noted that this was an opportunity for organizations and businesses to improve their buildings' accessibility standards and services. There was consensus to assist with the process to rank the top twenty-five applications to receive the complimentary accessibility rating.

The following motion was considered:

- AAC002-2020 1. That the delegation from Vasco Alcantara, Business Development Specialist Accessibility Certification, Rick Hansen Foundation, to the Accessibility Advisory

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Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re:
Accessibility Certification Program Accessibility be received; and,

2. That an Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled as required to assist with the process to rank the top twenty-five applications submitted by the Community to receive the complimentary Rick Hansen foundation Accessibility Certification rating.

Carried

- 4.2. Delegation by Juliet Jackson, Director, Culture and Inclusion, Region of Peel, and Raj Chopra, Region of Peel & Chair, Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, re: **Dynamic Symbol of Access**

Juliet Jackson, Director, Culture and Inclusion, Region of Peel, and Raj Chopra, Region of Peel & Chair, Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, provided a presentation on the Dynamic Symbol of Access (DSA). They requested that the symbol be permitted for use at Region of Peel properties instead of the approved International Symbol of Access (ISA) symbol. The following was highlighted:

- Background of the Dynamic Symbol of Access advocated by the Forward Movement
 - Educate and bring awareness of physical and social inclusion
 - Emphasize action and movement and serves as a culture shift on disability
 - Some municipalities have adopted the DSA symbol
 - Where legislated the ISA symbol will not be replaced by the DSA symbol
- Request for an exemption to City Traffic By-law 93-93 to use the DSA symbol

Report 6.2 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

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The delegation responded to questions from Committee regarding the use of the symbol in other municipalities noting that no issues have been reported by those municipalities.

Committee discussion took place and included the following comments:

- Use of the Dynamic Symbol of Access (DSA) will create confusion for people using accessible parking spaces
- Suggestion that the DSA symbol be presented to the Province for approval before use
- Complication of efforts to achieve compliance with the Traffic By-law and the City's Accessibility Technical Standards
- Impact on property owners as replacement of accessible pavement markings would create expenses
- Use of the DSA would limit the ability of Enforcement Officers to enforce compliance in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act

Staff provided an overview of the report and explained that three options were provided within the report for Committee's consideration. There was consensus from Committee that the staff recommendation be amended to add Option 2 below as outlined in the report:

Allow the use of the Dynamic Symbol of Access on one or more Region of Peel properties' in Brampton

The following motion was considered:

- AAC003-2020 1. That the delegation by Juliet Jackson, Director, Culture and Inclusion, Region of Peel, and Raj Chopra, Region of Peel & Chair, Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Dynamic Symbol of Access** be received; and,

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2. That the report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Accessible Parking Space Identification - Dynamic Symbol of Access** be received;
3. That the original International Symbol of Access, as set out in Schedule XXXIX of Traffic By-law 93-93, be confirmed as the sole symbol to be used to indicate accessible parking, barrier-free facilities and amenities for all properties in the City Brampton until provincial legislation provides otherwise; and
4. That the City allow the use of the Dynamic Symbol of Access on one or more Region of Peel properties in Brampton.

Carried

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

6. **Other/New Business**

6.1. Update by Enforcement and By-law Services, re: **Accessible Enforcement Quarterly Report - Q1-Q4 2019**

Ryan Maiss, Accessible Enforcement Officer, provided an overview of the number of new investigations initiated, accessible parking spaces investigated and orders to comply issued for the last quarter of 2019. He noted that snow removal complaints were included in the investigation of accessible spaces.

Mr. Maiss also provided a summary of the statistics for Q1-Q4 2019 report, noting violations for City property, Region of Peel, and school board properties. He responded to questions regarding the approach officers follow regarding deficiencies on private property.

The following motion was considered:

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AAC004-2020 That the update by Ryan Maiss, Accessible Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Accessible Enforcement Quarterly Report - Q1-Q4 2019** be received.

Carried

6.2. Report by Sylvia Ingham, Access Inclusion and Diversity Clerk, re: **Dynamic Symbol of Access**

Dealt with under Item 4.2, Recommendation AAC003-2020

6.3. Update by Glenda Coupland, Chair, re: **William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee request for City of Brampton AAC representative**

Glenda Coupland, Chair, advised that she is a member of the William Osler Health Centre Accessibility Advisory Committee. They have advised that representation from Brampton is not required, however a member with an interest may attend to observe.

6.4. Update from Sylvia Ingham, Access Inclusion Diversity Clerk, re: **Changes to Accessibility Requirements in Ontario Building Code for 2020**

Shant Goswami, Accessibility Coordinator, provided an overview of the changes to the barrier-free design of the Ontario Building Code and responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

AAC005-2020 That the update from Sylvia Ingham, Access Inclusion Diversity Clerk, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Changes to Accessibility Requirements in Ontario Building Code for 2020** be received.

Carried

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- 6.5. Verbal update from Scott O'Donnell, Consultant, City of Brampton, re: **The Perfect Mind Recreation Project Online Experience**

Scott O'Donnell, Consultant, City of Brampton, advised that the City was in the process of testing 'The Perfect Mind Recreation' software. He provided an online demonstration of the software highlighting the various services offered, such as, creating an account, managing one's registration, scheduling programs, and booking rentals. He explained that the program was web-based and may be used with any browser.

In response to questions, Mr. O'Donnell provided clarification regarding payment methods on the site, and the availability of accessibility features, such as, background color contrast and font sizes.

- 6.6. Update by Shant Goswami, Accessibility Coordinator, re: **Proclamation – June is National Deafblind Awareness Month**

Shant Goswami, Accessibility Coordinator, advised that June 2020 was proclaimed as National Deafblind Awareness month. He provided an overview of the information provided to Committee at the meeting to recognize the announcement.

- 6.7. Update by City Clerk's Office, re: **Resignation of two members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

- Bikki Singh
- Vanessa Scott

Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, advised that members, Bikki Singh and Vanessa Scott, have resigned from the Committee. They both wished to thank the City and Committee members for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

Ms. Urquhart advised that the City Clerk's Office will follow the process to fill the vacant positions. Committee suggested that advertisements should also be posted on all the City's social media platforms.

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- AAC006-2020
1. That the update by the City Clerk's Office staff regarding the resignation of the following two members from the Accessibility Advisory Committee effective March 10, 2020, be accepted:
 - **Bikki Singh**
 - **Vanessa Scott**
 2. That the City Clerk take the necessary steps to fill the two vacancies in accordance with Clerks Office procedures.

Carried

7. **Correspondence**

- 7.1. Correspondence from S. Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, dated January 6, 2020, re: **Brampton Transit Advisory Committee - Appointment of Representative**

Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, provided an overview of the subject correspondence requesting representation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee at the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee.

There was discussion on the matter. Franco Spadafora, member, expressed interest in the position. Mr. Franco was advised that he will be contacted by the legislative coordinator supporting the Committee.

The following motion was considered:

- AAC007-2020
1. That the correspondence from S. Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, dated January 6, 2020, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Brampton Transit Advisory Committee – Appointment of Representative** be received; and,

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2. That Franco Spadafora, Member, be appointed to the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee, as the representative from the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Carried

- 7.2. Correspondence from S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, dated January 21, 2020, re: **Appointment of Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Representative to the Vehicle-for-hire Advisory Committee.**

Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, provided an overview of the subject correspondence requesting representation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee at the Vehicle-for-hire Advisory Committee.

There was discussion on the matter. Franco Spadafora, member, expressed interest in the position. Mr. Franco was advised that he will be contacted by the legislative coordinator supporting the Committee.

The following motion was considered:

- AAC008-2020
1. That the correspondence from S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, dated January 21, 2020, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2020, re: **Appointment of Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Representative to the Vehicle-for-hire Advisory Committee** be received; and,
 2. That Franco Spadafora, Member, be appointed to the Vehicle-for-hire Advisory Committee as the representative from the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Carried

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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**

1. Regional Councillor Fortini inquired about the number of complaints listed on the report by Enforcement and By-law Services for City of Brampton.

13. **Public Question Period** – nil

14. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered:

AAC009-2020 That the Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Glenda Coupland, Chair