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REGION OF PEEL

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

MINUTES

AAC-2013-3

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on April 23, 2013 at 1:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: **D. Farrace; E. Kolb; S. Hames; N. Husain; R. Paterak; M. Tymkow**

Members Absent: **H. Bajwa; G. Barnes; R. Chopra; C. Fonseca, due to other municipal business; W. Goursky; M. Parker**

Also Present: **Region of Peel:** N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; M. Head, Manager, Research and Analysis; A. Adams, Manager, Regulatory Compliance; H. West, Legislative Specialist; V. Montesdeoca, Committee Clerk; J. Schwartz, Acting Legislative Assistant

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* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

Naz Husain, Chair, presided.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Naz Husain, Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION AAC-8-2013:

That the agenda for the April 23, 2013, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, include a communication from Jelena Baker, Planner, Integrated Planning Division, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 4d;

And further, that the agenda for the April 23, 2013, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

See also Communications – Item 4d

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

a. **Minutes of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC-2013-2) meeting held on February 26, 2013**

Received

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. **Communication:** From Region of Peel Staff Responding to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Public Consultation on the Proposed Accessibility Enhancements to Ontario's Building Code

Received

b. **Sue Ritchie, Manager, Program Design and Development, Human Services Department,** Providing an Update on the Peel Renovates Program

Received

See also Delegations – Item 5c

c. **Alfred Spencer, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Trade and Employment and Ministry of Research and Innovation,** Communication dated March 25, 2013, Informing of Upcoming Forums for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees (AACs) in the Spring of 2013

Received

Additional Item – Item 4d

d. **Jelena Baker, Planner, Integrated Planning Division,** Memo dated April 19, 2013, Regarding Regional Official Plan Review 2013 – Open Houses and Public Meeting

Received

See also Approval of Agenda

Mark Head, Manager of Research and Analysis, Integrated Planning Division, invited AAC members to the 2013 Regional Official Plan Review Open Houses. AAC input is sought regarding the Official Plan related to accessibility policies. A staff report regarding the work plan will be prepared for the Fall of 2013.

Councillor Hames inquired if the AAC will be consulted prior to any decisions being made regarding accessibility policies. Mark Head noted that any assessment or recommendations can be brought back to the AAC.

STAFF DIRECTION AAC-2013-3-01:

That staff from the Integrated Planning Division report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting of May or June, 2013 with the results of the public consultation and any assessment, for input and review by the AAC.

5. DELEGATIONS

a. **Erwin Pascual, Manager, Waste Planning, Public Works,** Providing Information on the Cart-Based Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection Bins

Received

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Erwin Pascual, Manager of Waste Planning, provided an update on the Bi-weekly Garbage Collection Pilot. Outcomes of the pilot included a decrease in garbage tonnage and an increase in recycling and organics tonnage, demonstrating the success of the pilot. On April 11, 2013, Regional Council endorsed plans to introduce a Region-wide bi-weekly garbage and recycling cart collection program. Committee members had the opportunity to sample the various cart sizes that may be implemented.

Committee members commended Regional staff for consulting with the AAC regarding the various needs of the community and provided suggestions which included:

- Establishing an assessment process for persons requiring assistance with the carts;
- Embossing the waste and recycling carts so that persons with visual disabilities can differentiate the cart;
- Considerations be given for persons using walkers who may find it difficult to manoeuvre the carts;
- Bigger wheels or swivel wheels be considered for easier manoeuvring of the carts.

Councillor Paterak pointed out that the size of the carts were somewhat awkward and that people with back pain may experience difficulties. He also noted that overall the response from the pilot project was very positive in Caledon.

Naz Husain inquired if bags would still be accepted for residences such as in townhouses that will not have the room to store the carts. Edwin Pascual responded that part of the implementation plan will be to establish a criteria to determine what cart size can be used.

b. **Philip Hui, Capital Project Manager, Real Property Asset Management, Region of Peel,** Providing a Review of the Peel Region Paramedic Services Satellite Station, Located at 75 Exchange Drive – City of Brampton, Ward 10

Received

RECOMMENDATION AAC-9-2013:

That the update provided to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on April 23, 2013 by Region of Peel Real Property Asset Management staff regarding the site plan for the Peel Region Paramedic Services Satellite Station located at 75 Exchange Dr. – City of Brampton, Ward 10, be received;

And further, that notification of the support of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee for the subject site plan, be provided to the City of Brampton, Planning, Design and Development department.

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Philip Hui, Capital Project Manager, Real Property Asset Management, provided an overview of the Peel Region Paramedic Services Satellite Station located at 75 Exchange Drive in the City of Brampton. He highlighted the accessible features of the satellite station which are identical throughout the 21 stations being constructed in the Region of Peel. Philip Hui explained that in consultation with the AAC Site Plan Review Subcommittee, a site plan checklist was created to ensure that all accessibility features adopted by the AAC are incorporated.

c. **Sue Ritchie, Manager, Program Design and Development, Human Services Department,** Providing a Review of the Peel Renovates Program and Future Program Planning

Received

See also Communications – Item 4b

Sue Ritchie, Manager of Program Design and Development, provided an update regarding the implementation of the Peel Renovates Program. She noted that $1.5 million of the Housing Investment Program (HIP) has been allocated to support the program for 2013. The program assists low-income, disabled and senior homeowners with one-time funding to assist with major renovations within the home. The assistance aims to create safe housing and assist participants to stay in their home and live more independently. A review of the program is underway to assess local needs and possible long term expansion. Sue Ritchie requested the AAC's assistance throughout the program review process.

Councillor Hames inquired how Regional staff determine who is in need of such assistance and how the public is made aware of such programs. Sue Ritchie responded that the Region of Peel has received inquiries from the public and that a media release has been issued. Councillor Hames suggested contacting the Seniors' Council in Brampton to assist in disseminating the information.

In response to an inquiry from Maureen Tymkow, AAC member, Sue Ritchie stated that the AAC could assist by:

- Identifying the types of supports that can be offered;
- Ensuring that the guidelines developed are not restrictive;
- Ensuring that the support and services accurately reflect the needs that will assist individuals to live more independently; and
- Ensure program accessibility.

Sue Ritchie noted that the AAC could participate through a consultant led focus group during Committee meetings or by identifying three to four members to participate in an interview.

Naz Husain advised the information will be forwarded to absent Committee members and undertook to follow up regarding the method of participation by the AAC.

6. REPORTS

a. **Accessible Transportation Master Plan Open House (Oral)**
Information Provided by Hillary Calavitta, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning Division, Region of Peel

Received

Hillary Calavitta, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning Division, advised of an Accessible Transportation Master Plan stakeholder open house scheduled for June 17, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Century Gardens Recreation Centre in Brampton. The open house will provide an overview of the Accessible Transportation Master Plan and obtain feedback from stakeholders. Key partners will include Mississauga Transit, Brampton Transit and Metrolinx. Hillary Calavitta encouraged AAC participation and input.

b. **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee – Updated Terms of Reference**

Deferred to the May 21, 2013 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting

c. **Region of Peel Accessibility Planning Program Monthly Update (March/April) – Updated Work Plan**
Update by Aretha Adams, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Region of Peel

Received

See also Reports – Item 6e

Aretha Adams, Manager of Regulatory Compliance, provided an update of the activities carried out over the last two months. She noted that the focus has been on preparing the training for the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation as all Regional staff must be trained by year end. Aretha Adams advised that the Education and Awareness Subcommittee will be provided with a draft training plan at its May 3, 2013 meeting.

Preparation is also underway for the National Access Awareness Week (NAWW) event scheduled for June 5, 2013. The Education and Awareness Subcommittee will be reviewing the activities for the event. Aretha Adams

further reminded Members of the upcoming forums for municipal AACs being held in May. Members wishing to participate in the NAAW activities or attend the municipal AAC forum in Burlington were requested to contact Aretha Adams.

d. **Site Plan Review Subcommittee Update** – Nil

e. **Education and Awareness Subcommittee Update**

Received

See also Reports – Item 6c

As part of the work undertaken by the Education and Awareness Subcommittee, Naz Husain provided further details for the National Access Awareness Week event being held on June 5, 2013 in the 5th floor Council Chamber from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The proposed theme for the event is Promoting Independent Living in Peel. The event will include trade show displays as well as a representative from Stop Gap Community Ramp Project as the keynote speaker.

f. **AODA Subcommittee Update** – Nil

g. **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates (Oral)**

Received

Councillor Hames informed Committee members of a communication received from William Goursky, Committee Vice-Chair tendering his formal resignation from the AAC and inquired if anyone else was in receipt of the communication. Chair Kolb confirmed receipt of the communication and stated that William Goursky will be formally recognized for his service and contributions to the Committee.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Council Chamber, 5th floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

Please forward regrets to Veronica Montesdeoca, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800 ext. 4384 or at veronica.montesdeoca@peelregion.ca.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.