



REGION OF PEEL

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

MINUTES

AAC-2013-6

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on September 17, 2013 at 1:13 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

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

Members Absent: G. Barnes; C. Fonseca, due to other municipal business

Also Present: **Region of Peel:** K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; A. Adams, Manager, Regulatory Compliance; M. Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist; H. West, Legislative Specialist; V. Montesdeoca, Committee Clerk; J. Schwartz, Acting Legislative Assistant

City of Mississauga: D. Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator

* 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 1:13 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION AAC-16-2013:

That the agenda for the September 17, 2013, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. **Minutes of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC-2013-5) meeting held on August 27, 2013**

Received

H. Bajwa, Committee Member, arrived at 1:21 p.m.

4. DELEGATIONS

- a. **Steve Sestic, Project Architect, DIALOG Inc.; Toynebe Gonsalves, Project Manager, Real Property Asset Management and Mark Centrone, Project Manager, Health Facility Planning, Region of Peel, Providing a Review of the Peel Region Paramedic Services Reporting Station, Located at 8288 Mississauga Road – City of Brampton, Ward 6**

RECOMMENDATION AAC-17-2013:

That the update provided to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on September 17, 2013 by Region of Peel Real Property Asset Management staff regarding the site plan for the Peel Region Paramedic Services Reporting Station located at 8288 Mississauga Road – City of Brampton, Ward 6, 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.

Steve Sestic, Project Architect, DIALOG Inc., provided a review of the site layout for the Peel Region Paramedic Services Reporting Station located at the north-west corner of Mississauga Road and Steeles Avenue in Brampton. The project consists of two buildings; the main one being a two story reporting station and the second being a single story building that will be used as a vehicle bay for emergency vehicles. The anticipated date of occupancy is October 2015. Some of the accessibility features of the project include:

- 3 accessible parking spaces;
- Two accessible entrances with push button – auto operator doors;
- Accessible security access card readers;
- Wheelchair accessible picnic tables;
- Elevator;
- Extra wide hallways for maximum turning radius; and
- Barrier free washroom facilities.

Maureen Tymkow, Committee Member, inquired what the main purpose of the building was and if a reception area would be incorporated at the visitor entrance.

Mark Centrone, Project Manager, Health Facility Planning, responded that the building will mainly be used by 156 Paramedic staff on shift work.

Paramedics will be able to restock their equipment and vehicles. A training room located on the second floor will be used for Paramedic training and potentially, to provide first aid training to the public. A reception area will be located adjacent to the main entrance.

Regional Chair Kolb inquired if there will be a vehicle entrance from Mississauga Road and questioned the need for two separate Paramedic buildings. Toynee Gonsalves, Project Manager, Real Property Asset Management, responded that the vehicle entrance located on Mississauga Road will be used by emergency vehicles only, the public entrance will be located off Rising Hill Ridge. In response to the inquiry regarding the need for two separate Paramedic buildings on the site, Mark Centrone responded that the large building served as a reporting station used for administrative purposes and for vehicle preparation whereas the smaller building served as an active response bay for on call Paramedics who were actively servicing the community. He added that having two programs under one roof would create conflicts, compromising the urgent response time to the community.

Regional Chair Kolb inquired where the snow would be placed during the winter months. Steve Sestic responded that there were dedicated snow removal areas located throughout the site and noted that grading and storm catch basins were incorporated into the design.

A discussion unfolded regarding the number of accessible parking spaces and the placement of the accessible aisle within the spaces. Committee members suggested that the number of accessible parking spaces be increased to five and that consideration be given to place the accessible aisle at both sides of a parking space.

- b. **Stephanie Snow, Consultant (Project Manager), Harrington McAvan Ltd.; Richard Roberts, Project Manager, Parks and Forestry, Community Services Department, City of Mississauga and Margie Chung, Principal Planner, Transportation Division, Region of Peel, Presenting the Multi-Use Trail Project at Winston Churchill Blvd. to South Sheridan Way (Lakeshore-Royal Windsor Hydro Corridor)**

Received

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

Richard Roberts, Project Manager of Parks and Forestry, Community Services Department, City of Mississauga, provided an overview of the multi-use trail project proposed within the Lakeshore-Royal Windsor Hydro Corridor in the City of Mississauga. The 6.5 kilometer trail will promote walking and cycling for an active and healthy lifestyle. Accessibility design considerations include ensuring that the trail provides opportunities for a broad range of abilities. Features include:

- Slopes greater than 8 per cent to have a railing on both sides;
- Signage to identify upcoming slopes;
- Concrete pad with bench and signage to be used as a transition notification at top of slopes
- Rest areas to be incorporated at regular intervals outside of travel path; and
- High contrast markings to be used to identify crossings at parking lots and driveways.

Councillor Paterak inquired into the type of vegetation that will be planted along the corridor as there are hydro wires that run along the proposed trail. Richard Roberts responded that in discussions with Hydro One, they are limited to vegetation that will not grow more than 4.5 metres tall.

E. Kolb, Regional Chair, departed at 2:13 p.m.

5. COMMUNICATIONS – Nil

6. REPORTS

- a. **Accessible Transportation Master Plan Update – Nil**

b. **Updates**

i) **Region of Peel Accessibility Planning Program Monthly Update (September) (Oral)**

Update by Meenu Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist, Region of Peel

Received

Meenu Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update of the work undertaken over the last three weeks which includes:

- Monitoring the IASR Training and addressing any related questions;
- Working with project managers to review upcoming Paramedic site plans;
- Working on the United Way Run Walk and Roll event; and
- Meeting with the Education and Awareness Subcommittee to plan for International Day of Persons with Disabilities event.

Naz Husain inquired on the progress to recruit new Committee members. Meenu Sikand responded that there has been positive response from organizations and individuals interested in becoming members. An email will be sent out to individuals with questions regarding their interest and desire to become involved. Naz Husain reiterated the importance of expediting the recruitment process.

ii) **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan Update**

Received

iii) **Subcommittee Updates (Oral)**

Received

Raj Chopra, Committee Member, provided an update on the work currently underway by the Education and Awareness Subcommittee. A theme has been selected for International Day of Persons with Disabilities event, titled

“Are We There Yet?”. The theme aims to highlight the accessibility initiatives and the future of three program areas: transportation, housing and recreation. Dely Farrace, Committee Member, suggested adding a personal story of an individual’s accomplishment relating to accessibility. The event is scheduled for December 3, 2013 in the 5th floor Council Chamber.

R. Chopra, Committee Member, departed at 2:40 p.m.

M. Tymkow, Committee Member, departed at 2:45 p.m.

iv) **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee
Member Updates – Nil**

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 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 2:47 p.m.