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## REGION OF PEEL

### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

#### MINUTES

AAC-2012-2

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on February 28, 2012 at 1:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

**Members Present:** G. Barnes; R. Chopra; W. Goursky; S. Hames; N. Husain; N. Iannicca\*<sup>♦</sup>; R. Paterak; M. Tymkow

**Members Absent:** H. Bajwa; E. Kolb, due to other municipal business; M. Parker

**Also Present:** **Region of Peel:** C. Reid, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; B. Taylor, Manager, Business Administration; A. Macintyre, Manager, Legislative Services; H. West, Legislative Specialist; M. Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist; V. Montesdeoca, Committee Clerk

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\* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

*William Goursky, Chair, presided.*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

William Goursky, Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### RECOMMENDATION AAC-7-2012:

That the agenda for the February 28, 2012 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting include an update by William Goursky, Committee Chair, regarding Abilities Bulletin – February 2012, to be dealt with under Reports – Item 6b-i, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates;

And further, that the agenda for the February 28, 2012 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting include a discussion on the Connections 2012 Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities, to be dealt with under Reports – Item 6b-ii, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates;

And further, that the agenda for the February 28, 2012 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting include an update from Naz Husain, Committee Vice-Chair, on the ESCAP/Leonard Cheshire Disability Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, to be dealt with under Reports – Item 6b-iii, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates;

And further, that the agenda for the February 28, 2012, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

See also Reports – Items 6b-i to 6b-iii inclusive

**Additional Item – Item 6b-iii was dealt with.****6. REPORTS****b. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates****iii. ESCAP/Leonard Cheshire Disability Conference – Bangkok, Thailand (Oral)**

Update by Naz Husain, Committee Vice-Chair

ReceivedSee also Approval of Agenda

Naz Husain, Committee Vice-Chair, informed the Committee of her participation in a conference on disability jointly organized by Leonard Cheshire Disability and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). As Chair of Balance for Blind Adults and representative of Cheshire Ontario, Naz Husain will be attending the event being held on March 12 – 14, 2012 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand.

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES****a. Minutes of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC-2012-1) meeting held on January 31, 2012**Received**4. COMMUNICATIONS****a. South Asian Focus, Article dated January 31, 2012, titled “When Kids Don’t Get Alliances Since a Sibling is Disabled”**Received

- b. **Brampton Guardian**, Article dated February 5, 2012, titled "Grants Help Disabled Athletes Play"

Received

- c. **CTVNews.ca**, Article dated February 7, 2012, titled "Let's Talk Campaign Chair Turns Tragedy into Message of Hope"

Received

See also Item 4d

- d. **Region of Peel**, Article titled "Let's Talk Day: Opening Conversations about Mental Health"

Received

See also Item 4c

*Councillor Iannicca arrived at 1:12 p.m.*

## 5. DELEGATIONS

- a. **Peter Hossack, Architect, Hossack & Associates Architects, Bob Ho, Capital Project Manager, Real Property Asset Management and Mark Centrone, Project Manager, Health Facility Planning, Region of Peel**, Providing a Review of the Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station located at 40 Victoria Crescent – City of Brampton, Ward 8

Received

RECOMMENDATION AAC-8-2012:

That the update provided to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on February 28, 2012 by Region of Peel Real Property Asset Management staff regarding the site plan for the Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station located at 40 Victoria Crescent – City of Brampton, Ward 8, 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.

Peter Hossack, Architect, Hossack & Associates Architects, provided an overview outlining the accessibility features of the proposed Peel Regional Paramedic Services Satellite Station located at 40 Victoria Crescent in Brampton. The facility is the first of 21 satellite stations to be constructed in the Region of Peel. The stations will assist in helping get paramedics to an emergency call faster and provides a healthy work environment for paramedic staff between calls.

Mark Centrone, Project Manager, Health Facility Planning, provided clarification as to how satellite stations differ from reporting stations. Reporting stations are approximately 25,000 square feet, include training facilities and house equipment and resources required to provide pre-hospital emergency care. Satellite stations are approximately 2,600 square feet. Their smaller size makes it easier to strategically locate them within the community in order for paramedics to respond to emergencies faster.

Councillor Paterak suggested the use of sensor operated fixtures in the washroom which improves accessibility, as well as, provides sanitary health benefits. Mark Centrone stated that sensor operated bathroom fixtures will be standard in all the stations.

Committee members thanked the presenters for the information provided and complimented Real Property Asset Management staff for taking into consideration the accessibility requirements for a building that will not be

utilized by the public but at the same time does not negate accessibility to persons with disabilities.

- b. **Julie Pehar, Equity Vision Consulting, Presenting the Results of the Peel Counts 2011 Report**

Received

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

Julie Pehar, Equity Vision Consulting, provided an update on the work conducted on the Community Investment Strategy. She informed the committee that a report titled, "Peel Counts 2011 – Collective Impact Through Results Based Accountability" summarizes the work related to the joint United Way of Peel Region and Region of Peel, "Community Investment Strategy: Investing for Resilience". Julie Pehar requested the Committee's input on the usefulness of the data and report.

William Goursky noted the presentation to be timely given the AAC Committee's current strategic planning exercise. He commented that the exercise would need to be completed first in order to provide input and suggestions.

Committee members expressed concern regarding the costs involved to produce the report and that the material, as presented, was not accessible and suggested that the report be made available in alternate formats.

Committee members also expressed confusion as to what the Community Investment Strategy is trying to achieve, the type of input required and the next steps moving forward. Julie Pehar responded that a list of possible next steps will be created as a guide to assist partner organizations, including the AAC, in providing feedback and input.

Meenu Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist, suggested that the Peel data could be referred to the Federal Government as part of Canada's submission to a report to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The reporting requirement is an initiative to strengthen the collection and compilation of data on persons with disabilities. Meenu Sikand undertook to follow up and provide the contact information to Julie Pehar.

Julie Pehar thanked the committee for their feedback. She informed members of a software being considered to measure Results Based Accountability and suggested the committee sample and review the pilot software.

## 6. REPORTS

### a. Region of Peel Accessibility Planning Program Updates (Oral)

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

Received

Meenu Sikand, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update on her activities during the past month. Action items included:

- Follow up on AAC request for further information on roundabouts – presentation will be confirmed for the March 27 AAC meeting;
- Informal follow up regarding membership recruitment from Town of Caledon AAC;
- Preparing debriefing report for the Visioning Exercise; also consulted with City of Mississauga AAC – summary report to be presented at the March 27 AAC;
- Addressing Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) requirement for accessible information regarding emergency and public safety information and to ensure compliance.

*Councillor Iannicca departed at 2:27 p.m.*

In response to concerns raised by the Committee Chair regarding the visioning exercise, Carol Reid, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's, advised that the next steps will be to establish an action plan and determine goals that will be reasonable to achieve within given timeframes to ensure actions are attainable.

Naz Husain stated that the Committee requires a larger membership and that membership recruitment should be made a priority.

**b. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Updates****i) Abilities Bulletin (Oral)**

Discussion led by William Goursky, Committee Chair

Received

See also Approval of Agenda

William Goursky recommended that members log in to abilities.ca website where a monthly edition of the Abilities Bulletin can be found. The bulletin offers information for persons with disability. Members were encouraged to register through the website for electronic delivery of the magazine. Meenu Sikand was requested to forward registration information to all members.

**ii) Connections 2012 Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities (Oral)**

Update by William Goursky, Committee Chair

Received

See also Approval of Agenda

William Goursky advised of the upcoming Connections Fair scheduled for April 25, 2012 at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre. He stated that the Fair would be a good opportunity to showcase the Region of Peel AAC.

Glenn Barnes, AAC Committee Member, noted that more floor space has been allocated to the 2012 Fair and would include a stage for exhibitors to present. The Accessible Transportation office is among those participating in the Fair.

Committee members agreed to participate in the 2012 Connections Fair and discussed options for participation. William Goursky, Naz Husain and Raj Chopra volunteered to participate in the Connections 2012 Resource Fair. Meenu Sikand undertook to explore the possibility of a collective presence with the Accessible Transportation office.



STAFF DIRECTION AAC-2012-2-01:

That the Education and Awareness Subcommittee be tasked to explore options for the Region of Peel AAC participation in the Connections 2012 Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities on April 25, 2012.

- iii. **ESCAP/Leonard Cheshire Disability Conference – Bangkok, Thailand (Oral)**  
Update by Naz Husain, Committee Vice-Chair

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting

**7. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 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](mailto:veronica.montesdeoca@peelregion.ca).

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.