

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Magna Centre, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Councillor Bisanz
Sharron Cooke
Steve Foglia, Chair
Gloria Couves
Linda Jones
Stephen Mckenzie

Absent: Jeremy Slessor
Richard Wilson

Staff Present: C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Co-ordinator

Accessibility Audit

The Committee conducted an accessibility audit of the Magna Centre prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

S. Foglia in the Chair.

Approval of Minutes

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of May 3, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Linda Jones

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of May 3, 2016 be approved.

Carried

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Presentations/Deputations

None.

Items for Discussion

2. Introduction of New Members

The Chair introduced Mr. Stephen Mckenzie and Ms. Sharron Cooke, two new members of the Committee. Members of the Committee provided information to the new members on their background and experience with accessibility matters.

3. Verbal Update from the Council/Committee Coordinator regarding Accessible Taxi Services.

The Chair provided background information on the need for accessible taxi services and his struggles within Newmarket in obtaining accessible taxi services. The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that Council adopted the Committee's recommendation to move forward with an agreement with the City of Vaughan for the provision of accessible taxi cab services in Newmarket and that further information on a communications plan with respect to the agreement would be provided at a later date.

4. Discussion regarding results of the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex and Magna Centre Audits.

The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that the audit results from each prior audit have been provided to staff for consideration.

5. Discussion regarding National Access Awareness Week and 2017 events.

The Chair provided an overview of National Access Awareness Week events. There was great exposure at the Farmer's Market and it was recommended that the Committee look to host the 2017 event at the Farmer's Market again.

6. Committee Workplan Update

The Committee reviewed their workplan and provided updates on each item, as noted.

7. Report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on potential accessibility measures at College Manor Park.

The matter was deferred to the September 15, 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

New Business

- a) The Chair advised that York Region would like to host a breakfast networking meeting with the Chair and Co-Chairs of all regional accessibility committees. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss workplans, projects and best practices from each municipality in order to benefit from each other's knowledge. The meeting is proposed to take place in November, 2016 and the Chair advised that he will be chairing the joint meeting and therefore, an alternate from Newmarket will be required.
- b) The Chair advised that he recently attended a meeting with respect to the expansion of the Viva project along Highway 7 and provided a high level overview of the plans for pedestrian and cyclist access, particularly along the bridge deck over Highway 400.

Adjournment

Moved by: Sharron Cooke
Seconded by: Stephen Mckenzie

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Date

S. Foglia, Chair