

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 in Ray Twinney Recreation Complex - Lounge 1, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Steve Foglia, Chair  
Gloria Couves  
Linda Jones  
Jeremy Slessor

Absent: Councillor Bisanz  
Richard Wilson

Staff Present: L. Lyons, Deputy Clerk  
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

### **Accessibility Audit**

Councillor Bisanz, Steve Foglia, Linda Jones and Jeremy Slessor conducted an accessibility audit of the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m.

Steve Foglia in the Chair.

### **Presentations/Deputations**

1. Mr. Warren Rupnarain, Accessibility and Diversity Coordinator, City of Vaughan addressed the Committee and provided an update on the City of Vaughan's accessible taxicab services. He advised that the City currently has three companies licensed with accessible taxicabs and are looking to expand the service throughout York Region. The accessible taxis charge meter rate and would only be permitted to provide services to Newmarket residents who require accessible services. He advised that he is seeking the support of the Committee to enter into an agreement with the City of Vaughan for the provision of accessible taxicab services in the Town of Newmarket. Discussion ensued regarding licensing, other municipalities with similar agreements with the City of Vaughan, account setup and booking taxis by email or text message.

Moved by: Gloria Couves  
Seconded by: Linda Jones

- a) THAT the presentation by Mr. Warren Rupnarain regarding Accessible Taxis be received;
- b) AND THAT the Town of Newmarket enter into an agreement with the City of Vaughan for the provision of accessible taxicab services;
- c) AND THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee work with Town staff to develop and communication and marketing plan.

**Carried**

## **Additions & Corrections to the Agenda**

None.

## **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- 2. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of January 21, 2016.

Moved by: Jeremy Slessor  
Seconded by: Linda Jones

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of January 21, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

## **Items for Discussion**

- 3. National Access Awareness Week

No update to provide.

- 4. Committee Workplan Update

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided an update on the workplan and advised that the Accessibility Award and Accessibility Logo Contest applications

are now available online. In addition, she advised that the logo contest has been distributed to public and private schools to date. The Deputy Clerk advised that staff will be scheduling a Council Workshop in April to provide an opportunity for Committees to address Council with a summary of their workplans and accomplishments.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by: Jeremy Slessor  
Seconded by: Linda Jones

THAT the meeting adjourn.

## **Carried**

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

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Date

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Steve Foglia, Chair