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MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 – 2:00 PM

PROGRAM ROOM 1, MISSISSAUGA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga, ON L5A 3R8

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Members Present:

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member (Chair)
Naz Husain, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Carol MacEachern, Citizen Member
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member
Hans Bueschleb, Citizen Member
Kristine Beavis, Citizen Member
Nazira Remtulla, Citizen Member

Members Absent:

Al Cormier, Chair Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee
Councillor Katie Mahoney, Ward 8

Staff Present:

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator
Antonietta DiSalvo, Staffing & Development Consultant, Corporate HR
Sue Hinton, Communications Coordinator, Customer and Business Services
Raymond Lau, Roadway Programmer
Alana Tyers, Transit Planner
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, Development & Design Division
Angela Dietrich, Manager, City Wide Planning Division
Ron Miller, Planner, City Wide Planning Division
Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services Department
Anna Liza La Rosa, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER- 2:08 pm (Rabia Khedr)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST: Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Pat Saito advised that she would like to update the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the new Mississauga Sheridan College Campus and the Lake Aquitaine Fitness Centre.

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator advised that she would like to discuss the Trillium Health Centre Event and the Pool Lift Donor Recognition event.

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APPROVED (H. Bueschleb)

DEPUTATION

- A. Angela Dietrich, Manager, City Wide Planning Division presented the City of Mississauga Draft Official Plan, the City's updated land-use policy document, which establishes a progressive development framework for the City of Mississauga.

Naz Husain indicated that the Mississauga Accessibility Design Handbook should be represented more prominently in the Mississauga Official Plan. Glenn Barnes also suggested that accessibility be fully incorporated into the Mississauga Official Plan, as doing so may help to encourage developers and builders to address accessibility.

Councillor Saito advised the committee that Council struggles with what it is legally permitted to require from builders and developers under the Provincial Planning Act. The City should require that accessibility standards be met before site plan approval. While it may be more difficult to have stringent accessibility requirements for residential properties, it should be considered for shopping centres, places of worship and doctors offices.

Ms. Dietrich advised that while there are some policies in place in the Draft Official Plan that emphasize accessibility, the City of Mississauga is legally limited.

Diana Simpson indicated that by the next review of the official plan, in five years time, the provincial Built Environment Standard will be legally entrenched, and as such, should be reflected in the Mississauga Official Plan.

Ms. Dietrich indicated that any legislative changes can be reflected in the official plan before the five year review period takes place.

- B. Lawrence Franklin presented information on accessibility issues as they relate to the Daniels LR Corporation, Hazelton Place Multiple Family Residential Development located in Ward 9, currently awaiting site plan approval.

Mr. Franklin commented back on the site plan for the noted development, that the floor units be made accessible and that a barrier-free path of travel be provided for residents.

Daniels LR Corporation responded back that “upon request of a purchaser, Daniels would work to accommodate accessibility for one of the ground floor units.” Mr. Franklin requested that the Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee write a letter to Daniels LR Corporation encouraging the provision of accessible units in Daniels FirstHome and Low-Rise Communities.

Carol MacEachern noted the importance of building homes that are fully accessible, not only at the ground level. Residents with accessibility needs should be able to visit friends across the site.

Rabia Khedr indicated that a letter written to Daniels LR Corporation should elaborate on what living in an accessible community means.

Councillor Saito requested a copy of the letter before next Wednesday, prior to the site plan going to Council for approval. Councillor Saito indicated that she would ask the developer to consider an elevator on some of the back-to-back units in the development.

Ms. Khedr recommended that a letter-writing campaign or a blitz with the Mississauga Board of Trade take place, to make businesses aware of the importance of having accessible businesses.

The Legislative Coordinator and Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator were asked to investigate the best way to send info about accessibility to businesses.

Mr. Barnes also recommended that construction companies receive letters and the Mississauga Accessibility Design Handbook.

Councillor Saito suggested that other councillors be advised of the importance of making local businesses accessible. Councillor Saito indicated that she would be including some information about accessibility in her full-page advertisement in a local Mississauga business magazine.

RECOMMENDATION:

That on behalf of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, write a letter to the Daniels Corporation, welcoming their interest in the provision of accessible housing in some ground floor units at the Daniels FirstHome "Hazelton" Community, located at 2891 Rio Court, and encouraging the provision of accessible units in some Daniels FirstHome and Low-Rise Communities.

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APPROVED (G. Barnes)

- A. Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services Department will provide an update on the City of Mississauga Cycling Master Plan.

Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services Department provided an update on the City of Mississauga Cycling Master Plan.

The Cycling Master Plan indicates that some routes will have bicycles and pedestrians separated. They will also need to address motorized wheelchairs and segways.

The committee members directed Ms. Farrell to reference the Mississauga Accessibility Design Handbook for information regarding the size and colour of accessible signage.

Copies of the Draft Cycling Master Plan are available in the libraries until the end of May, 2010.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting- March 8, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee be hereby adopted.

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ADOPTED (N. Husain)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Memorandum from Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, AAC and Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator dated April 12, 2010 providing an update on the meeting with Transit regarding announcement of bus stops.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Memorandum from Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee and Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator dated April 12, 2010 providing an update on the meeting with Transit regarding announcement of bus stops be received.

CS.12.TRA
RECEIVED (G. Barnes)

NEW BUSINESS

3. Correspondence dated April 15, 2010 to Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, from Jim Harris, Chair, Road Safety Mississauga Re: Invitation to participate on a proposed Traffic Calming Task Force.

Naz Husain and Kristine Beavis both expressed interest in participating in the proposed Traffic Calming Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence dated April 15, 2010 to Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, from Jim Harris, Chair, Road Safety Mississauga Re: Invitation to participate on a proposed Traffic Calming Task Force be received.

RT.10.TRA
RECEIVED (G. Barnes)

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 (AODA) – ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

4. Accessible Transportation Standard

No update to report at this time.

5. Ontario Regulation 429/07 - Accessible Customer Service Standard

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal update regarding the 2010 Customer Service Accessibility Report.

6. Accessible Built Environment Standard

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal update on the Accessible Built Environment Standards Development Committee Meeting #10 - April 6th and 7th, 2010. Ms. Simpson indicated that two meetings would be taking place in May, and then the Minister would be addressing the outcomes.

7. Accessible Employment Standard

No update to report at this time.

8. Accessible Information and Communications Standard

No update to report at this time.

Subcommittee Reports

9. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report from the meeting of March 29, 2010

Recommendation:

THAT the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report from the meeting of March 29, 2010 be supported. The report contained recommendations by the subcommittee as follows:

1. THAT the proposed design plans for the Leslie Log House, as presented by Mr. Peter Stewart of George Robb Architect to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee at its meeting on March 29, 2010, be received for information;
2. AND THAT the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the proposed concept as presented.
3. THAT the proposed concept for the Civic Square & Central Library Redevelopment Project as presented by Christine Vozoris of CS&P Architects Inc. and Fernando Moraes, Project Manager, Facilities & Property Management, to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee at its meeting on March 29, 2010 be received for information.
4. AND THAT the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the proposed concept as presented.

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SUPPORTED (N. Husain)

10. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Naz Husain, Citizen Member provided a verbal update. Ms. Husain recommended that the committee members visit the Region of Peel Online Data Centre.

11. Pending Work Plan Items- April 26, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

That the pending work plan items dated April 26, 2010 be received for information as presented.

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RECEIVED (Councillor Saito)

Items for Information

12. Letter and response dated December 21, 2009, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, from the Region of Peel Re: Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter and response dated December 21, 2009, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, from the Region of Peel Re: Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy be received for information.

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RECEIVED (Councillor Saito)

13. Email from the Ministry of Community Services and Social Services dated March 26, 2010 regarding the EnAbling Change Partnership Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the email from the Ministry of Community Services and Social Services dated March 26, 2010 regarding the EnAbling Change Partnership Program be received for information.

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RECEIVED (Councillor Saito)

Other Business

14. Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal update on the Connections 2010 Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities taking place on May 4, 2010.
15. Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided a verbal update on the National Access Awareness Event taking place on June 1, 2010.
16. Councillor Pat Saito advised that she would email the committee members with updates regarding the Mississauga Sheridan College Campus and the Lake Aquitaine Outdoor Fitness Equipment.
17. Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator provided information on the Trillium Health Centre Event, which Rabia Khedr and Glenn Barnes indicated they would attend, and the Pool Lift Donor Recognition Event that will be attended by Ms. Khedr.

Date of Next Meeting(s):

Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room B, Second Floor, Mississauga Civic Centre

Accessibility Advisory Committee on Monday, June 7, 2:00 p.m. in Program Room 1, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.

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APPROVED (Councillor Saito)