



MINUTES

MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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)
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Glenn Barnes, 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
Hans Bueschleb, Citizen Member

Staff Present:

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator
James Bisson, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Finola Pearson, Public Affairs Specialist
Frank Spagnolo, Manager, Plan Examination Services
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, Development & Design Division
Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves, Community Child and Youth Consultant
Lisa Jones, Transportation Accessibility Specialist, Region of Peel
Lydia Kowalyk, Senior Buyer
Nigel Roberts, Manager, Departmental Systems IT
Naeem Jaffer, Co-op Student
Shawn Slack, Director, Customer and Business Services
Todd Kyle, Area Manager, Library Services
Sue Hinton, Communications Coordinator, Customer and Business Services
Grant Bivol, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk, Office of the City Clerk
Anna Liza La Rosa, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER: 2:06 p.m. (Rabia Khedr).

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST: Nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – January 18, 2010

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9, requested that the previous minutes be amended to reflect her absence.

Recommendation - Moved by Nazira Remtulla - THAT the amended minutes of the January 18, 2010 Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee be hereby adopted. CARRIED. MG.26

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rabia Khedr requested to speak with regard to an event being held by the Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities.

Recommendation - Moved by Naz Husain - THAT the agenda of the March 8, 2010 Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee be hereby approved. CARRIED. MG.26

DEPUTATIONS

1. Lisa Jones, Transportation Accessibility Specialist, Region of Peel re: Accessible Transportation Options.

Ms. Jones presented information on several programs offered by the Region of Peel to persons with disabilities. Discussion ensued regarding the Passenger Assistance Program, the Community Bus Program, the Public Transit Access Initiatives Program, and the Taxi Scrip Program.

A video was viewed on Accessible Transportation in the Region of Peel. Nigel Roberts indicated that the video could be uploaded onto the City of Mississauga website or a link to the youtube video could be placed on the site.

Rabia Khedr related an incident involving her sister that occurred on Mississauga Transit, for which a complaint has since been filed.

Recommendation - Moved by Councillor Pat Saito - That a meeting take place between Martin Powell, Transportation and Works Commissioner, Geoff Marinoff, Mississauga Transit Director, Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, Rabia Khedr, Chair, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, and Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, to address the complaint regarding a Mississauga Transit Operator, and the issue of transit operators not announcing stops. CARRIED.
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Glenn Barnes spoke regarding his inability to fully evaluate the Mississauga Transit Presto Card System and the difficulty with evaluating a live system.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Business Arising out of Previous Meeting(s)

- 1.1 Proposed correspondence to Ministry of Community and Social Services re: accessible transportation standard

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, outlined an email on Transportation Accessibility Standards from Ellen Waxman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario.

- 1.2 Draft correspondence to William Goursky, Chair, Region of Peel AAC from Rabia Khedr, Chairperson, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee re: "International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Peel"

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation- Moved by Glenn Barnes - That the draft correspondence dated March 1, 2010 to William Goursky Chair, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee from Rabia Khedr, Chair, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee re: "International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Peel" be received. CARRIED.
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2. New Business

- 2.1 Discussion re: resignation of Jim Hardman and Carol-Ann Chafe

Diana Simpson advised the Committee that correspondence has been sent to Jim Hardman and Carol-Ann Chafe, thanking them and acknowledging their contribution to the City of Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Recommendation - Moved by Glenn Barnes - THAT the resignation of Jim Hardman and Carol-Ann Chafe, Accessibility Advisory Committee members, be accepted. CARRIED.
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3. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) - Accessibility Standards

- 3.1 Accessible Transportation Standard

3.1.1 Verbal update from Al Cormier / Glenn Barnes - Nil

3.2 Ontario Regulation 429/07 - Accessible Customer Service Standard

3.2.1 Verbal update from Shawn Slack, Director, Customer and Business Services

Shawn Slack advised that the Compliance Report would be finalized by the end of March 2010.

3.3 Accessible Built Environment Standard

3.3.1 Verbal update from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator

Diana Simpson advised that the Standards Development Committee will be meeting in April and May 2010.

3.4 Accessible Employment Standard

3.4.1 Verbal update from Naz Husain, (Citizen Member) Vice Chair, Mississauga Accessibility Committee - Nil

3.5 Accessible Information and Communications Standard - Nil

4. Subcommittee Reports

4.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report from the meeting of February 8, 2010

Recommendation-Moved by Naz Husain - THAT the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report from the meeting of February 8, 2010 be approved. The report contained recommendations by the subcommittee as follows:

1. THAT the conceptual drawings for the Sheridan College, Mississauga Campus as presented to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee by Brian Scannell and George Friedman at its meeting on February 8, 2010, be received for information.
2. THAT the proposed concept for the Malton Village Hall as presented to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee by Pavlo Tourko, Area Architects Ltd. at its meeting on February 8, 2010, be received for information.
3. AND THAT the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the proposed concept of Malton Village Hall as presented. CARRIED.

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5. Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Naz Husain, (Citizen Member) Vice Chair of Mississauga Accessibility Committee spoke on a letter and response sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, from the Region of Peel, Planning, Policy and Partnership Division of Human Services, on behalf of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee, which outlines the need for persons with disabilities to be captured in the new affordable housing strategy. The letter was to be presented for receipt at the next meeting.

6. Pending Work Plan Items

6.1 Pending Work Plan – March 8, 2010

Recommendation - Moved by Glenn Barnes - THAT the Pending Work Plan dated March 8, 2010 be received for information as presented.
CARRIED.
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7. Items for Information

- 7.1 Correspondence (undated) from Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services re: status of Ministry initiatives
- 7.2 News Release dated February 10, 2010 entitled “2010 Accessibility Plan Focuses on Delivery of Accessible Customer Service”
- 7.3 News Release dated February 24, 2010 entitled “Mississauga Honours Employee Achievements”

Recommendation - Moved by Nazira Remtulla:

- 1. THAT the correspondence (undated) from Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services re: status of Ministry initiatives be received for information.
- 2. THAT the news release dated February 10, 2010 entitled “2010 Accessibility Plan Focuses on Delivery of Accessible Customer Service” be received for information.
- 3. AND THAT the news release dated February 24, 2010 entitled “Mississauga Honours Employee Achievements” be received for information. CARRIED.
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8. Other Business

- 8.1 Verbal Update from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator re: National Access Awareness Event/Leadership Conference

Diana Simpson provided an update on the National Access Awareness Event, scheduled for June 1, 2010, at the Brae Ben Golf Course.

The Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee will have an information booth at the Leadership Conference on April 27, 2010 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Living Arts Centre.

- 8.2 Verbal from Diana Simpson re: Rogers' Communications Interview re: Seniors' Transportation Issues

Alana Tyers and Diana Simpson were interviewed by Rogers Cable.

- 8.3 Additional Item - Rabia Khedr re: Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities - First Annual Gala Dinner – "Spring into Disability Rights Campaign 2010"

The Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities will be hosting its First Annual Gala Dinner on March 28, 2010, at the ISNA Islamic Centre of Canada. Rabia Khedr extended an invitation to members of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee to this event.

9. Date of Next Meeting(s):

- 9.1 Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room B, Second Floor, Mississauga Civic Centre
- 9.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Program Room 1, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation- Moved by Naz Husain: THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.
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