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MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM 1, MISSISSAUGA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 3R8

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member (CHAIR)
Carol MacEachern, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member
Melanie Taddeo-Cooper, Citizen Member
Naz Husain, Citizen Member
Clement R. Lowe, Citizen Member
Darrin Ballard, Stakeholder Member
Amy E. Wilkinson, Stakeholder Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Katie Mahoney, Ward 8
Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member
Mike Parris, Stakeholder Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Frank Buckley, Manager, Parks South District
Jayne Culbert, Older Adult Coordinator
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer
Virginia Kalapaca, Project Coordinator Landscape Architect
Lydia Kowalyk, Senior Buyer
Ann Lehman-Allison, Public Affairs Specialist
Marian Matson, Supervisor, Building Inspections
Suzanne Noga, Learning and Development Consultant
Ken Owen, Director, Facilities and Property Management
Nigel Roberts, Manager Departmental Systems IT
Farhad Shahla, Transportation Project Engineer
Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator
Kathleen Smyth, Manager, Erin Meadows Library
Karyn Stock-MacDonald, Business and Innovation Coach
Matt Thibodeau, Co-op Student
Spencer Tomblin, Co-op Student
Alana Tyers, Transit Planner
Darlene Utarid, Project Coordinator, Facilities and Property Management

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:39 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Simpson requested the addition of three items to the agenda: Elections Ontario materials and the upcoming provincial election; an Ontario March of Dimes Award for the City; and expanding the mandate of the Committee's Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee (FADS) to include the review of Site Plans for private facilities. She also reminded Committee members that a Visioning Workshop would be held immediately following the Committee meeting.

Approved (M. Taddeo-Cooper)

DEPUTATIONS – Nil

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – June 6, 2011

Approved (C. R. Lowe)

2. Name Tags for Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

Email message dated June 13, 2011 from Carol-Ann Chafe, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Citizen Member, with respect to name tags for Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Members.

Ms. Chafe discussed her email message and noted that Committee members would wear their name tags at various social functions when representing the Committee. Ms. Husain expressed her support for Ms. Chafe's suggestion.

Recommendation

AAC-0032-2011

1. That the email message dated June 13, 2011 from Carol-Ann Chafe, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Citizen Member, with respect to name tags for Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Members be received; and
2. That Carol-Ann Chafe, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Citizen Member, Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, and Diana

Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, meet to discuss obtaining name tags for Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Members and return this matter to a future Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

Received/Referred (C.-A. Chafe)

3. Washroom Facilities at Totoredaca Leash Free Dog Park

Email message dated September 2, 2011 from Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9, with respect to washroom facilities at Totoredaca Leash Free Dog Park located at 2715 Meadowvale Boulevard in Ward 9.

Councillor Saito discussed her email message and said that it came from a resident with a disabled daughter who used the park. She noted that the dog park had 300-400 users, was located in an isolated industrial area, and was operated and financed by Leash-Free Mississauga. Councillor Saito said that Leash-Free Mississauga recently surveyed its members on whether to continue providing portable washroom facilities at the park. She expressed concern about the possible loss of the washroom and wanted the Committee to discuss this issue, as a Committee recommendation could persuade Leash-Free Mississauga to retain the washroom. Councillor Saito added that it may be useful for the City to consider when washrooms are provided at parks by the City and by groups.

Committee members discussed the importance of accessible washroom facilities and an accessible Ontario, the standards and policies for washrooms at the City's parks, and the possibility of writing a letter to Leash-Free Mississauga encouraging them to continue providing a washroom for their users at this park.

Mr. Buckley said that the City's destination parks have permanent washroom structures and that sports groups and leash-free groups are expected to bring in portable washrooms at satellite parks with sports fields and leash-free areas. He acknowledged that providing washrooms could be financially challenging for many of these groups, as such facilities often cost over \$3,000 per year.

Councillor Saito stated that she did not yet know the survey results, but that the majority of members would likely want to retain the washroom due to the park's isolated location and distance to public washrooms. She noted that adding a washroom at this park would be a budget issue for the City, but suggested that Parks staff review the need for washrooms at parks depending on their location.

The Chair said that the Committee should encourage community groups to promote accessibility and that governments did not always need to solve issues.

Ms. Culbert noted that the City could offer fundraising assistance to Leash-Free

Mississauga, via Community Development, for the washroom.

Recommendation

AAC-0033-2011

1. That the email message dated September 2, 2011 from Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9, with respect to washroom facilities at Totoredaca Leash Free Dog Park located at 2715 Meadowvale Boulevard in Ward 9 be received; and
2. That, on behalf of the Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, Rabia Khedr, Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair and Citizen Member, write a letter to the Totoredaca Leash Free Dog Park located at 2715 Meadowvale Boulevard in Ward 9 encouraging them to provide portable accessible washroom facilities and offering assistance, through Community Development, with fundraising for the portable accessible washroom facilities.

Received/Direction (N. Husain)

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 (AODA)

(A) Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation

Ms. Simpson provided a brief verbal update with respect to the Integrated Accessibility Standards (IAR), Ontario Regulation. She noted that the City was preparing for the implementation of the IAR, that a Corporate Report on this matter was recently written for the Leadership Team, and that an IAR staff project team had been formed to work on this matter for the next 5-10 years.

Ms. Simpson said that, due to some IAR requirements that had to be met by the end of 2011, Ms. Tyers would speak briefly about bus signage. Ms. Tyers discussed revised courtesy seating policies and signage. She displayed the revised signage, described its location inside the bus, and noted that the City needed to be in compliance with this requirement by the end of the year.

Committee members asked about City's enforcement and education initiatives associated with the revised signage.

Ms. Tyers said that it was difficult to enforce the revised signage because the IAR did not contain enforcement provisions, that drivers who enforce the signage could face workplace violence, and that drivers would ask passengers to vacate courtesy seating when required. Ms. Tyers said that a communications plan would be drafted shortly to educate transit users about courtesy seating.

(B) Ontario Regulation 429/07, Accessible Customer Service Standard – No update

(C) Accessible Built Environment Standard

4. Email message dated August 29, 2011 from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, with respect to an email message from Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services, dated August 17, 2011 regarding the status of the Accessible Built Environment Standard.

Recommendation

AAC-0034-2011

That the email message dated August 29, 2011 from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, with respect to an email message from Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services, dated August 17, 2011 regarding the status of the Accessible Built Environment Standard be received.

Received (A. Wilkinson)

(D) Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of Ontario – No update

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee (FADS) Report from the meeting on June 20, 2011

Councillor Saito discussed the FADS Report and said that she supported the recommendations. She noted that she raised this matter at the last Committee meeting because it seemed that FADS members had concerns with the project. Councillor Saito expressed concern about the late timing for the project to come to FADS. She said that FADS should have had the opportunity to provide input to staff and external consultants on the project before the designs were finalized, as adjustments could have been made to address the concerns of FADS members.

Councillor Saito spoke about the comment from Committee members in the FADS Report regarding the lack of complaints about Huron Park's therapy pool. She said that people may be unmotivated or uncomfortable to provide feedback to the City for various reasons and asked that the City's future therapy pools be considered by FADS prior to staff and external consultants finalizing the designs.

Ms. Simpson noted that Facilities and Property Management staff were aware of FADS, but said that it could be useful to reiterate the purpose of FADS with staff.

Recommendation

AAC-0035-2011

1. That the Memorandum dated June 15, 2011 from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, titled Therapy Pool Addition Project,

- Mississauga Valley Community Centre, to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on June 20, 2011, be received;
2. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee supports the ramp with the railing system for the Therapy Pool Addition Project at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre, as presented at the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meeting on June 20, 2011; and
 3. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee supports that the project team for the Therapy Pool Addition Project at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre, considers Lawrence Franklin's nosing suggestions for the Therapy Pool (subject to compliance with the Ontario Building Code), as detailed in the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report dated June 20, 2011 titled Therapy Pool Addition Project, Mississauga Valley Community Centre.

Received/Approved (C.-A. Chafe)

Recommendation

AAC-0036-2011

That Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, and Darlene Utarid, Project Coordinator, update Facilities and Property Management staff on the purpose, timing, and scheduling of Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meetings.

Direction (M. Taddeo-Cooper)

REGION OF PEEL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Husain noted that the Committee was partnering with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities on November 23, 2011. She said that more information would be available shortly and encouraged Committee members to attend.

PENDING WORK PLAN ITEMS

6. Pending Work Plan Items dated September 12, 2011

Recommendation

AAC-0037-2011

That the pending work plan items dated September 12, 2011 be received for information.

Received (N. Husain)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

Elections Ontario Materials and Upcoming Provincial Election

Ms. Simpson briefly discussed the upcoming provincial election and Elections Ontario materials regarding the accessibility of the election. She said that copies of these materials would be available after the meeting for anyone interested.

Ontario March of Dimes Award

Ms. Simpson said that the City had won an Ontario March of Dimes Award of Merit for Barrier Free Design for the Malton and Clarkson pool addition projects. She thanked staff and, in particular, Mr. Tomblin, for their work on this matter.

Expanding the Mandate of FADS

The Chair discussed the possibility of expanding the mandate of FADS to include the review of Site Plans for private facilities. She said that the City had fewer projects going before FADS and that FADS should still play a key role at the City. The Chair also expressed concern about the accessibility of the expansion at the Masjid Al-Farooq mosque and requested for an update on this matter from staff.

Mr. Franklin stated that he could write a report on this matter for an upcoming FADS meeting and would follow up with the Chair after the meeting.

Recommendation

AAC-0038-2011

1. That Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer, obtain an update on construction activities at the Masjid Al-Farooq mosque located at 935 Eglinton Avenue West in Ward 6; and
2. That Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, and Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, investigate the possibility of expanding the mandate of the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee to include the review of Site Plans for private facilities and return this matter to a future Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

Direction (N. Husain)

Site Visit, Therapy Pool Addition Project, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

Ms. Chafe suggested that Committee members conduct a site visit of the Therapy Pool Addition Project at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre once the project was completed.

Committee's Holiday Lunch

Ms. Simpson stated that a holiday lunch for Committee members and staff would be held this year prior to the next Committee meeting on November 28, 2011 and that details would be shared once the arrangements were made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday, September 19, 2011, 1:30 p.m. – Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee (FADS) meeting, Committee Room B, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

Monday, November 28, 2011, 2 p.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, Program Room 1, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 2:17 p.m.