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MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 – 2 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member (CHAIR)
Councillor Katie Mahoney, Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member
Naz Husain, Citizen Member
Melanie Taddeo, Citizen Member
Clement R. Lowe, Citizen Member
Darrin Ballard, Stakeholder Member
Mike Parris, Stakeholder Member
Amy E. Wilkinson, Stakeholder Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member
Carol MacEachern, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)

STAFF PRESENT: Seema Abbasi, Taxi Trainer, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Frank Buckley, Manager, Parks South District
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer
Laila Gabiazon, Project Manager, Facilities and Property Management
Virginia Kalapaca, Project Coordinator Landscape Architect
Ann Lehman-Allison, Public Affairs Specialist
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator
Pamela Shanks, Corporate Policies Analyst
Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator

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CALL TO ORDER – 2:16 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were two requests for additional agenda items under “Other Business”.

Naz Husain, Citizen Member, requested to speak with regard to the press release dated March 16, 2012 from ESCAP – United Nations entitled, “Persons with disabilities must be ‘put at the heart’ of international development, says conference on disability-inclusive MDGs and aid effectiveness”.

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, requested to speak with regard to the Light Rail Transit public information meetings.

Approved, as amended. (K. Mahoney)

DEPUTATIONS

- A. Item 2 Gail Jones, Director of Community Supports, Kerry’s Place Autism Services, provided a verbal presentation with respect to the Increasing Safeguards For Adults Who Are Vulnerable To Abuse And Neglect Program.

Ms. Jones advised the Committee that the program had been created in response to a 2005 criminal case in Mississauga in which a developmentally disabled woman had died due to neglect and due to statistics predicting that 90% of developmentally disabled adults would be victimized in their lifetime. Ms. Jones explained that the program provided tools and resources to caregivers, service providers, the general public and vulnerable adults themselves and that a protocol had been developed to address abuse issues within this population. She also noted that Peel Regional Police and Victim Services staff had received training in addressing abuse issues with respect to vulnerable adults.

Ms. Jones asked that Committee Members send her agency contact information so that she could promote awareness of the program, to which the Committee agreed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – February 6, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0008-2012

That the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated February 6, 2012, be approved.

Approved (K. Mahoney)

2. Increasing Safeguards for Adults Who Are Vulnerable To Abuse and Neglect - Central West Region Project Information Package

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0009-2012

That the Increasing Safeguards for Adults Who Are Vulnerable To Abuse and Neglect - Central West Region Project Information Package, be received.

Received (A. E. Wilkinson)

3. City of Mississauga Accessibility Plan: 2011 Annual Report and 2012 – 2017 Initiatives

Memorandum, dated April 10, 2012, from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, with respect to the City of Mississauga Accessibility Plan: 2011 Annual Report and 2012 – 2017 Initiatives.

Ms. Simpson provided an overview of the memorandum, informing Committee Members that the City of Mississauga Accessibility Plan: 2011 Annual Report and 2012 – 2017 Initiatives had been adopted by Council on March 7, 2012. In addition, Ms. Simpson provided a hard copy of the City of Mississauga Accessibility Plan: 2011 Annual Report and 2012 – 2017 Initiatives to those requesting a copy.

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0010-2012

That the Memorandum, dated April 10, 2012, from Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, with respect to the City of Mississauga Accessibility Plan: 2011 Annual Report and 2012– 2017 Initiatives, be received.

Received (C. Chafe)

4. Revision – Corporate Policy (06-04-01) Civic Recognition Program

Memorandum dated April 23, 2012 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, advising that Corporate Policy (06-04-01), Civic Recognition Program, has been reviewed by staff with respect to Citizen Members who are unable to complete their terms of service.

Ms. Morden advised that the revised policy would be presented at General Committee for approval on May 2, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0011-2012

That the Memorandum dated April 23, 2012 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, advising that Corporate Policy (06-04-01), Civic Recognition Program, has been reviewed by staff with respect to Citizen Members who are unable to complete their terms of service, be received.

Received (K. Mahoney)

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005 (AODA)

(A) Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR)

Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator, provided a verbal update with respect to the progress of the Project Team and noted that the City of Mississauga had completed fourteen of the legislated mandates to date.

Ms. Simpson advised that the National Access Awareness Week Event would be held on June 4, 2012 at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre.

(B) Ontario Regulation 429/07, Accessible Customer Service Standard

Ms. Simpson noted that the Accessible Customer Service Standard had been implemented and suggested that the Accessible Customer Service Standard be removed from future agendas to which the Committee Members agreed.

(C) Accessible Built Environment Standard

No update

(D) Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of Ontario

Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member and Chair, provided a verbal update noting that she had been reappointed to the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of Ontario for a one

year term. Ms. Khedr noted that the group had not had their first meeting to date, but would be participating in a conference telephone call in the near future.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee (FADS) Report from the meeting on February 13, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0012-2012

1. That the computer model presentation of the Fusion Centre (Bell Gairdner) redevelopment, located at 2700 Lakeshore Road East, as provided and presented by Mark J. Driedger, Associate, ATA Architects Inc., to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 13, 2012, be received for information and;
2. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the computer model presentation of the Fusion Centre (Bell Gairdner), as presented.

AAC-0013-2012

1. That the Powerpoint presentation regarding the accessibility design of The Woodlands Library located at 1030 McBride Avenue in Mississauga, Ontario, as provided and presented by Kendall Wayow, Facilities and Property Management and Steve Burrows, Associate, +VG Architects to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 13, 2012, be received for information and;
2. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the presentation and plan for The Woodlands Library Accessibility Design, as presented.

Received (N. Husain)

6. Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee (FADS) Report from the meeting on March 26, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0014-2012

1. That the Civic Centre Conservatory Redevelopment Powerpoint Presentation, as presented to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee on February 13, 2012, be received for information and;
2. That the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the Civic Centre Conservatory Redevelopment, as presented.

Received (C. Chafe)

REGION OF PEEL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naz Husain, Citizen Member, provided a brief verbal update.

Ms. Husain noted that she had not attended the previous Region of Peel Accessibility Committee meeting but was aware that there had been discussion with respect to concerns with roundabouts that had been built in Caledon and the safety of persons with disabilities in accessing them to cross roads.

Councillor Saito commented that the roundabout in Mississauga by Square One Shopping Mall had been successful to date, that it was well signed and that motorists have been aware of pedestrians and have stopped for them.

Ms. Simpson noted that there had been an extensive awareness campaign which has contributed to the roundabout's success.

Ms. Husain requested that public awareness resources be provided to her for information.

PENDING WORK PLAN ITEMS

7. Pending Work Plan Items dated April 23, 2012

Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member, updated the Committee on the progress of the Riverwood Conservancy Enabling Garden (AAC Pending Work Plan Item AAC-0036-2010).

Ms. Chafe commented that a new Enabling Garden Coordinator had been hired and that completion of the enabling garden had been scheduled for the Fall of 2012 due to some important items remaining to be finalized. Ms. Chafe suggested that a site visit to the Enabling Garden may be best scheduled for the Fall.

RECOMMENDATION

AAC-0015-2012

That the pending work plan items, dated April 23, 2012 be received.
(AAC-0015-2012)

Received (M. Taddeo)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. Coalition for Persons with Disabilities Connections Resource Fair

As Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member, was not present at the meeting, Ms. Simpson provided a brief verbal update with respect to the Coalition for Persons with Disabilities Connections Resource Fair occurring on April 25, 2012 at The Living Arts Centre.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Process Session

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, spoke with respect to an Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting process session. Ms. Morden suggested that it may be productive for the Committee to conduct a brainstorming meeting to discuss meeting processes, roles of Committee Members and staff, a review of what has been successful and things the Committee would like to change to ensure productivity.

Discussion ensued and there was general consensus from the Committee that a session on meeting process would be valuable to the group and that they would participate in the session.

Ms. Morden advised that she would send an email to Committee Members to gain input with respect to possible meeting dates and focus questions.

10. Press Release – March 16, 2012 – ESCAP – United Nations – Persons with disabilities must be ‘put at the heart’ of international development, says conference on disability-inclusive MDGs and aid effectiveness

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11. Hurontario-Main LRT Open House

Ms. Simpson advised Committee Members that a public open house with respect to the Hurontario – Main LRT project was scheduled for April 25, 2012 at the Civic Centre in the Great Hall from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. and encouraged Members to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday, May 14, 2012, 1:30 p.m. – Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meeting, Committee Room A, 2nd floor, Civic Centre

Monday, June 4, 2012, 1:30 p.m. – Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting (National Access Awareness Week Event), Larry Taylor Auditorium, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 3:06 p.m.