



MINUTES

MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

PROGRAM ROOM 1, MISSISSAUGA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga, ON L5A 3R8
<http://www.mississauga.ca>

Members Present:

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Rabia Khedr, Citizen Member (Chair)
Glenn Barnes, Citizen Member
Hans Bueschleb, Citizen Member
Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member
Al Cormier, Chair Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee
Clement Lowe, Citizen Member
Nazira Remtulla, Citizen Member

Members Absent:

Councillor Katie Mahoney, Ward 8
Naz Husain, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Kristine Beavis, Citizen Member
Jim Hardman (The Canadian Hearing Society)

Staff Present:

Lydia Kowalyk, Senior Buyer
Raymond Lau, Roadway Programmer
Alana Tyers, Transit Planner
Finola Pearson, Public Affairs Specialist
Karen Morden, Manager of Youth Services
Lorenzo Ruffini, Park Development Manager
Diana Simpson, Accessibility Coordinator
Marian Matson, Supervisor, Building Engineering & Inspection
Antonietta DiSalvo, Staffing & Development Consultant, Corporate HR
Shawn Slack, Project Director, Customer Service Division
Andrea Wilson-Peebles, Legal Counsel
Casey Picard, Legal Counsel
Patrick Phaneuf, Superintendent of Transit Operations
Lawrence Franklin, Urban Designer
Colin Patterson, Coordinator, Integrated Road Safety Program

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CALL TO ORDER

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5. New Business
6. AODA Standards
7. Subcommittee Report(s)
8. Pending Work Plan Items
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11. Date of Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: 2:06 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST: NIL

DEPUTATIONS:

A. Variety Village

Mr. Bryan De Sousa appeared before the Committee and delivered a power point presentation on behalf of Variety Village as the Greater Toronto Area West Community Chapter representative for Variety on the Road programming servicing Mississauga, Brampton and Vaughan West.

Mr. De Sousa explained to the Committee that he recently made a deputation at Mississauga Council and was asked to inform this Committee as well. He explained that Variety Village originated in Scarborough and he is making efforts to bring the services to various areas within the Region of Peel. Mr. De Sousa explained that the first chapter is currently operating in Brampton with a great deal of success and would like to bring it to Mississauga. They offer three courses: Children in Motion, Youth in Motion and Aquatics for Everyone which teach socialization through sports and play for persons with disabilities and their families. They focus on fitness, co-ordination and active fun in a safe and integrated setting. The courses are offered in eleven-week sessions in the fall, winter and spring and the cost for participants is \$7.50 per person per hour. Mr. De Sousa added that the program is operable on \$25,000.00 per year and can be funded by local businesses and sponsorships. There is a Walk & Roll on September 28, 2008 in Donald M. Chinguacousy Park in Brampton to raise funds for the Brampton chapter.

Mr. De Sousa hopes to have a pilot program running at Phillip Pocock Secondary School in Mississauga by spring of 2009.

Al Cormier, Chair of the Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee inquired as to the response from the corporate community. Mr. De Sousa explained that they had a very strong monetary and volunteer response.

Citizen Member Glenn Barnes questioned if they targeted Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Events/Foundation for funding. He explained that there is a Rick Hansen school in Mississauga that holds a Wheels in Motion Event and offers grants. He suggested that Variety Village partner with Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event. He added that Rick Hansen has a children's recreation program as well.

Mr. Cormier and Chair Rabia Khedr congratulated Mr. De Sousa adding that he has contributed a great deal of work to the program and that it is an innovative and creative initiative.

Mr. Cormier moved a motion for receipt of the Mr. De Sousa's power point presentation for information. Citizen Member Carol-Ann Chafe seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried

Received for Information (Al Cormier)
Recommendation AAC-0047-2008
PR.04

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Matters:

1.1 Confirmation / Additions to the Agenda of this Meeting

The agenda prepared for this meeting was confirmed and no items of business were added.

MG.26

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 2, 2008

On a motion by Citizen Member Clement Lowe, seconded by Al Cormier, Chair of the Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on June 2, 2008 were adopted as presented.

Adopted as Presented (Clement Lowe)
MG.26

1.3 2009 Schedule of Meetings

Memorandum dated September 4, 2008 from Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator to advise the Chair and Members of the meetings scheduled in 2009.

Citizen Member Nazira Remtulla moved a motion to receive the memorandum for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Nazira Remtulla)
Recommendation AAC 0048-2008
MG.26

2. Business Arising out of Previous Meeting(s): Nil
3. Business Deferred from Previous Meeting(s): Nil
4. Unfinished Business: Nil
5. New Business: Nil

5.1 Access to Recreation Programs

Councillor Pat Saito advised the Committee that a resident made a deputation at the Region of Peel Council meeting recently expressing a need for additional staff to be made available by the Region for children with special needs to participate in recreation programs. Councillor Saito added that she understands that Russ Pooley Community Development Coordinator for Recreation and Parks is working on a similar initiative for the City of Mississauga. Councillor Saito suggested that Mississauga partners with the Region.

Karen Morden, Manager of Youth Services advised that the City has a partnership with Community Living for this purpose. She added that Michael Cleland, Manager of Business Development is working on an Access Policy for recreation subsidy.

Councillor Saito further commented that there may be an opportunity for funding through the Region of Peel and suggested that Mr. Cleland connect with the Region of Peel on this initiative.

Councillor Saito moved that staff be requested to contact Region of Peel staff and report back to the Committee. This motion was seconded by Citizen Member Glenn Barnes. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information / Direction (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation AAC-0049-2008
CS.12.DIS

5.2 Pedestrian Pavement Markings on Roadways

Citizen Member Hans Bueschleb expressed some safety concerns regarding pavement markings on City intersections for pedestrian crossings and vehicular stopping and requested explanation of the policies and procedures for pedestrian pavement markings on City intersections.

Colin Patterson, Coordinator of the Integrated Road Safety Program explained that the City's current practice for signalized intersections is to have all stop blocks and crossways painted every two years. Non-

signalized intersections typically have vehicular stop pavement markings, but not pedestrian crossways, except those minor intersections which are monitored by crossing guards.

Councillor Pat Saito moved that the verbal report by Colin Patterson, Coordinator for the Integrated Road Safety Program to the Committee regarding City practice for pavement markings at intersections, be received for information.

It was noted that if an individual has a concern for safety that exceptions to this practice may be granted. Councillor Saito suggested that specific concerns by Mr. Bueschleb should be referred to Mr. Patterson for review.

Chair Rabia Kehdr added that this policy may be addressed and improved on in compliance with the future Built Environment Standard under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation AAC-0050-2008
RT.10.PED

6. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Standards:

Citizen Member Glenn Barnes moved that the communiqués and verbal reports from Al Cormier, Chair of the Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee and Accessibility Coordinator, Diana Simpson to the Committee regarding the Standards Development Committees under the AODA, be received for information. Citizen Member Nazira Remtulla seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Glenn Barnes)
Recommendation AAC-0051-2008

6.1 Transportation Accessibility Standards

Communiqué regarding Transportation Standards Development Committee (T-SDC) Meeting # 16 September 11, 2008.

Al Cormier, Chair of the T-SDC informed the Committee that the draft standard will be presented at the October meeting and will be voted on, if passed it will be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services. The Standard may be Regulation by the end of this year.

TS.14.ACC

6.2 Ontario Regulation 429/07 - Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

Memorandum from Shawn Slack Director of Customer Service dated September 10, 2008 regarding the status of City initiatives in relation to the Regulation.

Mr. Slack explained that his memorandum provides a status update and that he expects to do a presentation at a future AAC meeting. The policy demonstrates that the City is making every effort to develop a high level of awareness through training. It involves the development of an internal and external communications plan, as well as a training program. Mr. Slack advised that the City has identified the funds for this project in its budget.

Citizen Member Glenn Barnes applauded the staff working group for their efforts and encouraged them to engage the Members of this Committee for the training programs. He added that the Coalition for Persons with Disabilities also has an awareness program. Mr. Slack explained that the Committee will be given an opportunity for involvement in the fall of 2008 when the group presents to the Committee.

Chair Rabia Khedr indicated that many of the Committee's Citizen Members would be interested in terms of the content of the policy and would appreciate if they could have the draft to review by email prior to presentation before the Committee. Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson pointed out that the Corporate Policies and Procedures Subcommittee could meet to review the policy.

Direction
CS.12.CUS

6.3 Built Environment Accessibility Standards

Communiqué regarding Accessible Built Environment Standards Development Committee (ABE-SDC) Meeting # 5 August 18 and 19, 2008.

Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson sits on the ABE-SDC as an Association of Municipalities of Ontario representative and explained that a specific task force is working toward a standard that will provide ninety-five percent (95%) of the population with access to the environment. She advised that ABE-SDC will develop further task forces and she will be involved on a couple of them. She also noted that the initial proposed standard is anticipated to be completed by January of 2009.

CS.12.DIS

6.4 Employment Accessibility Standards

Communiqué regarding the Employment Accessibility Standards Development Committee (EA-SDC) Meeting # 5 – August 11 and 12, 2008.

Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson advised the Committee that Citizen Member Naz Husain sent her regrets for today's meeting due to an EA-SDC meeting of which she is a member. A draft standard is expected in the fall of 2008 or January 2009.

CS.12.DIS

6.5 Information and Communications Accessibility Standards

Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson will provide a verbal update with respect to the Information and Communications Accessibility Standards Development Committee.

Ms. Simpson advised that a draft standard was circulated to stakeholders and the City of Mississauga provided input mainly in relation to its Communications and Information Technology divisions. A proposed standard is expected in the fall of 2008.

CS.12.DIS

7. Subcommittee Report(s):

7.1 Report from the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of its meeting on June 12, 2008 regarding the Transportation and Works public service counter at 3185 Mavis Road.

Recommendation:

1. That the site plan and the ground floor plan of the service counter area for the Transportation & Works public service counter project at 3185 Mavis Road as presented by Karyn Stock-MacDonald Business Advisor for Customer Service Counters, Mike Bozzelli Project Manager for Facilities Planning & Development Capital Project Management and Margareta Jakobson Manager of Office Services, to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee at its meeting on June 12, 2008, be received for information.
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 22, 2008 supports the suggestions contained in the

Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report dated June 12, 2008.

Supported (Glenn Barnes)
Recommendation AAC-0052-2008
MG.26.FAC / PO.25.MAV

- 7.2 Report from the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee of its meeting on July 17, 2008 regarding the Mississauga Fire & Emergency training centre.

Recommendation:

1. That the preliminary site plan and floor plans for the proposed City of Mississauga Fire & Emergency Training Centre on Ninth Line north of Derry Road as presented by Jayne Holmes, Senior Project Manager of Facilities & Property Management and Joe Somfay, Joe Somfay Architect Inc., to the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee at its meeting on July 17, 2008, be received for information.
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 22, 2008 supports the suggestions contained in the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee Report dated July 17, 2008.

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Recommendation AAC-0053-2008
MG.26.FAC

8. Pending Work Plan Items: (Updates to be provided as necessary)

- 8.1 Pending Work Plan Items Report dated September 22, 2008 on the status of items emanating out of previous Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings.

Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson noted that the Vic Johnston Arena and Community Centre project is nearing completion and she will be in touch with Facility Accessibility Advisory Subcommittee Members via email to arrange a site visit and report back to this Committee.

Received for Information Direction (Al Cormier)
Recommendation AAC-0054-2008
MG.26

9. Items for Information:

Citizen Member Carol-Ann Chafe moved that the following items be received for information. Al Cormier Chair of the Transportation Standards Development Committee seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

- 9.1 Letter from the Minister of Community and Social Services dated May 21, 2008 regarding the development of the standards under the AODA.
- 9.2 National Post article titled "Drivers won't call bus stops" published August 19, 2008.
- 9.3 Parking for disabled persons in Mississauga, extract of resident inquiry and City's response.
- 9.4 Corporate Report to General Committee dated June 3, 2008 regarding the draft Strategic Plan for the City of Mississauga in the 21st Century.
- 9.5 The New York Times article titled "Plan seeks more access for disabled" dated June 16, 2008.
- 9.6 Letter from Reverend Barbara Earl dated June 20, 2008 regarding Sugar Maple Woods Park.
- 9.7 Letter from the Ontario Human Rights Commission dated June 27, 2008 regarding the release of a report on rental housing.
- 9.8 Canadian Urban Transit Association issue paper 28 May 2008 article titled "Bringing Opportunity to Life: Accessible Transit in Canada" and extracts of the article.
- 9.9 News from the Coalition for Persons with Disabilities dated September 4, 2008.
- 9.10 Invitation to the Coalition for Persons with Disabilities Open House and Annual General meeting on September 26, 2008.
- 9.11 Mississauga Transit memorandum dated September 15, 2008 regarding next stop bus stop sign locations.

Al Cormier Chair of the Transportation Standards Development Committee requested status of the Mississauga Transit Announcing Stops and Patrick Phaneuf, Superintendent of Transit Operations advised that they are on schedule to meet the next stop bus stop signs process target date of October 31, 2008. Citizen Member Carol-Ann Chafe questioned whether Mississauga Transit expects that all of its Operators are calling

out stops on routes which are equipped with next stop bus stop signs. Mr. Phaneuf responded in the affirmative and added that Mississauga Transit has an agreement with the Operators for the calling of other stops. Mr. Phaneuf further added that pursuant to a Ministry of Labour concern, Operators are not required to announce the next stop on buses that have the microphone in a certain location. He advised that Mississauga Transit is working toward relocating all of the microphones by October 31, 2008 to address this issue.

Received for Information (Carol-Ann Chafe)
Recommendation AAC-0055-2008
MG.26

10. Other Business

10.1 Traffic Safety

Citizen Member Glenn Barnes expressed kudos to the City for traffic safety in the Cawthra Road and Lakeshore Road East area for improving traffic signals and installing countdown signals, converting crosswalk buttons to motion sensors and/or large push button. Mr. Barnes would like to see this continued City-wide as they require replacement.

RT.07

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Program Room 1, Mississauga Valley Community Centre

Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson commented that when the Mississauga Valley Gymnastics Centre design group presented to FADS in April 2008, a Member suggested that when the project was completed that an AAC meeting be held in the meeting room. Diana suggested that the November AAC meeting be held at the newly renovated Mississauga Valley Gymnastics Centre. No objections from the Committee members were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:35 p.m.

REPORT 5-2008

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Accessibility Advisory Committee presents its fifth report for 2008 and recommends:

AAC-0047-2008

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(AAC-0047-2008)

AAC-0048-2008

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(AAC-0048-2008)

AAC-0049-2008

That the verbal report by Councillor Pat Saito and Karen Morden, Manager of Youth Services to the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 22, 2008 regarding an initiative by the Regional of Peel for access to recreation programs for youth with disabilities, be received for information and that staff be requested to contact Region of Peel staff and report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

CS.12.DIS

AAC-0049-2008

AAC-0050-2008

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AAC-0050-2008

AAC-0051-2008

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(AAC-0054-2008)

AAC-0055-2008

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