



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 12, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Committee Room, Town Hall

Members Present:

Councillor R. Whitehead

Chair: M. Tymkow

Vice-Chair: D. Farrace

D. Scida

D. St. Clair

Members Absent:

E. Annis (regrets)

R. Cowan (regrets)

Town Staff:

Accessibility Program Co-ordinator: L. Ricciuti

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: D. St. Clair

AAC-2011-015

That the Agenda for the May 12, 2011 Meeting be approved, with the addition of an urgent business matter regarding SPA 11-015 - Region of Peel

Victoria Works Yard Site Plan and a correspondence item regarding a newspaper article on legislation for persons with disabilities.

Carried.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None Stated.

4. **RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Moved by: M. Tymkow

AAC-2011-016

That the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be received.

Carried.

5. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Committee Work Plan

Committee will review Work Plan and discuss at the next meeting.

B. Site Plan Review - SPA 11-33 – Husky Components Building – 375 Wilton Drive, Bolton (construct a new entrance).

The following comments were submitted to Brian Lauder, Community Development Planner:

- Please ensure number of designated accessible parking spaces are provided, as per Traffic By-law 2011-020.
 - Please ensure design of designated accessible parking spaces are in full compliance with Traffic By-law 2011-020, including appropriate signage.
 - Please add 2 of the total number of required designated accessible parking spaces to the restricted staff parking area and ensure they are placed as close to the main staff entrance as possible.
 - Please add curb depressions close to the front main entrance to allow for easy access where there is a change in grade.
 - Please outline where the snow storage area will be on site.
 - Please clarify whether or not the main entrance and restricted staff entrance(s) will be automatic or will be operational by accessible push operators.
- C. Site Plan Review – SPA 11-037 – Sandhill Commercial Building – 6035 King Street (develop property for uses of a convenience store, service kiosk, drive-through restaurant, retail store and a motor vehicle repair facility).

The following comments were submitted to Brian Lauder, Community Development Planner:

- For Building A and C, please move the designated accessible parking spaces to the middle of the parking area.
- Please ensure design of designated accessible parking spaces are in full compliance with Traffic By-law 2011-020, including appropriate signage.
- Please ensure all main entrance doors are fully accessible with automatic operators.
- Please add an additional 4 - 6 metres to the distance between the edge of the pump station to the beginning of the parking area in front of Building A.

The following additional comments were made at the meeting:

- Please consider adding an additional accessible parking space to Building A and C.
- Please clarify how many floors will be in Building C.
- Please ensure all entrances into all the identified Buildings will not include stairs or any elevation in grade that would cause a barrier.

D. Access Awareness Week 2011 Update - May 29 – June 4.

The Committee discussed making a delegation to Council on May 31st to promote the importance of

Access Awareness Week and highlight the many initiatives the Committee is working towards.

E. Peel Homelessness Workshop Update.

M. Tymkow advised that the Workshop involved members of the community, members of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee and Staff from various municipalities in the Peel Region. Staff from the Region coordinated the Workshop, which welcomed suggestions for improving homelessness in Peel, to be considered for the Homelessness Strategic Plan.

F. Actioning Accessibility through Customer Service – AAC Regional Forum Update.

M. Tymkow advised that the information gained from the forum was helpful. A highlight of the forum was a speaker from the Town of Orangeville, Gail Campbell, whom spoke about the successful relationship the Town has with local businesses in promoting accessibility within the built environment, through such programs as the Portable (Suitcase) Ramp Subsidy Program.

The Committee would like Staff to look into the Community Improvement Area Grant Program to determine if accessibility upgrades are included

in the criteria of the Program and report back to the Committee.

- G. Site Plan Review – SPA 11-015 – Region of Peel Victoria Works Yard – 2951 King Street (develop a parking area for the works yard).

The following comments were submitted to Ruth Conard, Community Development Planner:

- Please add 2 designated accessible parking spaces as per Traffic By-law 2011-020. Please ensure design is in full compliance with the By-law.
- Please ensure designated accessible parking spaces are in close proximity to main entrance.
- Please clearly identify main entrance to building and confirm whether or not it will be accessible by way of automatic operator.
- Please identify where light standards will be placed on site.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

1. abilities.ca Article re: Disability Rights: A Call to Arms!
2. Disability is Natural E-Newsletter re: The Lost Art of Manners

3. City of Mississauga AAC re: Promoting Inclusion for All – Understanding Invisible Disabilities Event on May 31, 2011
4. Centre for Independent Living in Toronto re: Five-Part Wednesday Women’s Workshop Series For Women with Disabilities Living in Peel Region
5. The Toronto Star re: Legislation will enforce disability-friendly service

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

8. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Room, Town Hall.