



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
6:00 p.m.  
Committee Room, Town Hall

Members Present:

Chair: M. Tymkow  
Vice Chair: D. Farrace  
E. Annis  
D. Scida  
D. St. Clair

Members Present - Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Councillor Hames  
Chair: W. Goursky  
Vice Chair: N. Husain  
R. Chopra  
M. Tymkow

Members Absent:

Councillor Whitehead (regrets)  
R. Cowan (regrets)

Town Staff:

Accessibility Program Co-ordinator: L. Hall  
Legislative Services Supervisor/Deputy Clerk: D. Thompson

Others Present:

Councillor Foley  
Councillor Paterak  
Councillor Thompson  
Manager of TransHelp, Region of Peel: M. Castro  
Accessibility Planning Specialist, Region of Peel: M. Sikand

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: D. St. Clair

AAC-2011-028

That the Agenda for the October 27, 2011 Meeting be approved.  
Carried.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None Stated.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Introduction of all members present

M. Tymkow welcomed members of the Region of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee and Members of Council for attending the meeting. M. Tymkow indicated the joint meeting was suggested as an opportunity to engage and inform the Region of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee of some of the unique challenges in Caledon faced by residents with disabilities.

B. Presentations by the Town of Caledon Accessibility Advisory Committee

D. Farrace presented information on the driving distance between the Towns recreational facilities (specifically

facilities with pools) and the different hamlets. D. Farrace demonstrated that the travel distance can be quite lengthy, drawing on the example of residents in Alton driving approximately 40 minutes to attend programs at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (a facility that currently offers programs specifically for persons with disabilities). D. Farrace provided a comparison to Brampton and Mississauga. D. Farrace further discussed the need for respite geared services in Caledon and more easily accessible subsidized funding programs. D. Farrace concluded with a request to the Region's Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide any information regarding services or programs offered to persons with disabilities from the Region of Peel.

M. Tymkow presented information concerning roundabouts. The Region of Peel has installed one roundabout at the intersection of Olde Base Line Road and Dixie Road in Caledon. M. Tymkow highlighted safety concerns with roundabouts, specifically for pedestrians with visual impairments when crossing the intersection. M. Tymkow presented a demonstration from the City of Ottawa's website on how citizens are being educated on how to use roundabouts. M. Tymkow advised that any future plans for roundabouts should be brought forward to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and feedback. This recommendation was made at the September 29, 2011 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting for Council's consideration. Further, it was recommended that an information package on how to properly use roundabouts be mailed out to all residents.

D. St.Clair presented concerns regarding emergency response times in rural areas, the lack of adequate mobile phone reception, the need for windrow services in rural areas to assist persons with disabilities and ensuring mail delivery remains at the end of the driveway in rural areas.

D. Scida and E. Annis presented information on transportation services in Caledon for persons with disabilities. Topics covered included, Booking a Trip, Hours of Service, Vehicle Availability, Travel Time and Cost. M. Castro, Manager of TransHelp, advised the Region of Peel TransHelp Master Plan is currently under development. Further, D. Scida and E. Annis indicated the need for accessible taxi-cabs in the Caledon area as another accessible transportation option when the current methods are not available or after hours.

- C. Site Plan Review – SPA 11-82 – 2079618 Ontario Inc. – 0 Simpson Road (proposing to extend Simpson Road through the subject lands and construct an industrial building)

L. Hall went through the Site Plan Review process developed by the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee. Councillor Hames from the City of Brampton advised that the City of Brampton has dedicated a Staff person to review older site plans and ensure they meet new approved accessibility requirements, such as, changes to designated accessible parking spaces. Councillor Paterak suggested that Town Staff review older site plans and provide suggestions to property owner(s) to improve accessibility, where needed.

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

- Please add an additional designated accessible parking space.
- Please ensure front entrance doors are accessible by means of a power door operator or are automatic.
- Please ensure the front entrance does not have a step or increase in elevation to prevent persons with disabilities from easily accessing the building.
- Please clearly identify where exterior light standards/fixtures will be placed.

D. Town Hall Renovations Update re: Development Approval & Planning Policy Department & Public Works Department

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

1. Erinoakids – Centre for Treatment and Development
2. P. Drake, Member of the Seniors Advisory Committee re: Delegation to Town of Caledon Council on October 18, 2011

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**8. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Room, Town Hall.