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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

A special meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Regional Headquarters, Council Chambers, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:01 AM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted at this meeting.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: C. Boose, Ajax, Chair  
D. Campbell, Whitby, Vice-Chair  
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS  
Councillor R. Mulcahy  
R. Purnwasie, Ajax  
M. Roche, Oshawa attended the meeting around 10:21 AM  
L. Schisler, Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: S. Sones, Whitby

#### **Staff**

Present: J. Christianson, Program Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. Presentations**

A) Judy Christianson, Program Coordinator re: CityStudio Project

J. Christianson advised that CityStudio is led by the Region of Durham and is a collaboration with education facilities to learn more about the structures of their communities. She stated that it started in Vancouver, is now used in ten different municipalities across Canada, and is now in Durham Region.

She advised that one aspect of CityStudio is about access to services and possible encounters with barriers for people with disabilities.

J. Christianson introduced Navleen Sandhu, a student from Ontario Tech University, who will be assisting staff with the survey. She advised that the survey will be provided to committee members for their feedback. Once the committee's feedback is received, the survey will be sent to the other Accessibility Advisory Committees within Durham Region. The survey will then be rolled out to the public and posted on Your Voice Durham, which is a platform used to obtain feedback from the public. She advised that staff is hoping to get the survey out to the public by the new year.

J. Christianson responded to questions with regards to the types of questions that will be included in the survey and the type of feedback that staff is looking to obtain from the public; whether the findings will be made public; whether there is a goal with regards to the number of surveys to be sent out; and whether there are plans to ask people to voluntarily disclose their disability.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

##### **A) Janet Traer re: Accessibility Award Nomination**

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J. Traer stated that the Annual Joint Accessibility Advisory Forum has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the Region will continue with the presentation of the Accessibility Award to identify people, businesses or organizations in the community that have championed accessibility in some way.

She advised that the local Accessibility Advisory Committees will provide her with their nominees and she will then present the nominees with their awards while maintaining social distance. She advised that the presentations of the awards will be recorded for a video, which will be launched on December 3, 2020, in conjunction with International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

She advised that as the Region of Durham usually hosts the event, an award is not always presented on the Region's behalf except in a few circumstances and inquired whether the committee would be interested in nominating anyone for an award.

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by L. Schisler,

That Roberta Atkinson be presented with an Accessibility Award for her many years of dedicated service and support on the Committee.

CARRIED

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 1 PM.

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by L. Schisler,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

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C. Boose, Chair  
Accessibility Advisory Committee

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk