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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January June 28, 2022 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

At the request of the Chair, Vice-Chair Roseann Purnwasie assumed the position of Chair for the duration of the meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby, Chair
A. Beach, Oshawa
H. Hall, Participation House
W. Henshall, Whitby, attended the meeting at 1:07 PM
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Vice-Chair
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: Councillor R. Mulcahy
M. Roche, Oshawa
S. Sones, Whitby

Staff

Present: M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by D. Hume-McKenna,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, May 24, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

A) Introduction of New Accessibility Coordinator

A. Hector-Alexander introduced the new Accessibility Coordinator, Karen Wall. K. Wall introduced herself to the Committee.

4. Presentations

A) Stephanie Bolton, Regional Services Coordinator, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, re: Organization Overview

Stephanie Bolton, Regional Services Coordinator, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to a Brief Introduction to Spinal Cord Injury Ontario's Programs and Services.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Our Heritage
- Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) Offices
- Our Services
- Role of Regional Services Co-ordinators
- Common Questions from Clients
- Peer Program
- Peer Mentorship for People with SCI
- Peer Mentorship for Family Members
- Peer Connections
- SCIO Employment Services
- Four Urgent Public Policy Issues
- Your Move, Ontario
- SCIO Knowledge Exchange

Committee members suggested that a link to the Spinal Cord Injury website be added to the Region's website under the Accessibility tab on the Living Here webpage.

5. Discussion Items

A) Sub-Working Group with Durham Region Transit re: Input for Bus Shelter Design

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the Rapid Transit Office is requesting that a working group of Accessibility Advisory Committee members be formed to provide input on the design for median Bus Rapid Transit shelters. She also advised that there would be two one-hour meetings in July and August.

It was the consensus of the Committee that a sub working group of Wayne Henshall, Doreen Hume-McKenna and Aly Beach be formed to assist the Rapid Transit Office with the Bus Rapid Transit shelter design.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

K. Wall advised that she is beginning to work on presentations for the September and November meetings and requested suggestions from committee members on topics and speakers for agendas.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

An email update was provided to members prior to the meeting.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

K. Wall advised that she will provide an update at the September meeting.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

B) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance Update

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance Update was provided to Committee members in advance of the meeting.

Discussion ensued with regards to receiving input from Accessibility Advisory Committee members for agenda items; the opportunity to speak with committee members throughout the year, not only at the meetings; and whether members of the public are free to talk to and exchange emails with advisory committee members.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that she would arrange for a presentation from Legislative Services regarding the procedural guidelines of the committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R. Purnwasie, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk