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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:03 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

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

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby, Chair  
H. Hall, Participation House  
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS  
L. Houston, Community Care Durham attended the meeting at 1:11 PM  
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Vice-Chair  
S. Sones, Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: W. Henshall, Whitby  
A. Beach, Oshawa

#### **Staff**

Present: M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except M. Barta participated electronically**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by S. Sones,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### **4. Presentations**

A) Heather Hall, re: TeachAbility

Heather Hall provided a presentation with regards to TeachAbility.

H. Hall advised that she began her company, TeachAbility, after working at Participation House with adults with disabilities. She explained that TeachAbility is

comprised of various components designed to build skillsets to gain more independence and works with people of all abilities such as limited hearing, limited sight, and mobility restrictions. Her program provides 3-hour one-on-one sessions where she travels to the home or business where assistance is required.

H. Hall provided an overview and shared a brief video presentation highlighting the services provided through TeachAbility and advised that the video is provided to customers requesting to learn more about the services offered.

H. Hall responded to questions with regards to the organizations TeachAbility is working with; the geographical location for services; and third-party funding, grants, insurance plans, or benefit programs available to assist with payments.

## **5. Discussion Items**

### **A) Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership Application Process**

K. Wall advised that the membership applications to apply for the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the next term of Council are still open and applications will continue to be accepted until all vacancies are filled. She also advised that applications are currently being reviewed and candidates will be contacted for interviews this month, and that a Council representative for the committee will be nominated at the December 21, 2022 Regional Council meeting.

### **B) Delegation Request re: Accessible Parking Permit**

K. Wall advised that there is a community member that is a resident of Ajax that is wishing to discuss accessibility parking permits and veterans' licence plates in the Region of Durham. K. Wall provided a brief overview of the accessibility parking permits and veterans' licence plate by-laws throughout the Region of Durham for lower-tier municipalities and requested feedback from Committee members.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Ajax resident delegate at the January 24, 2023 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

## **6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

## **7. Information Items**

### **A) Education Sub-Committee Update**

K. Wall asked which Committee members who would like to remain on, or join, the Education Sub-Committee. Discussion ensued with regards to the main focus of the sub-committee and frequency of meetings.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

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H. Hall advised that the November meeting was cancelled and the next regularly scheduled meeting is on May 16, 2023.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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K. Wall provided the following update:

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is taking place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the United Nations is hosting a commemorative virtual event, which was provided to Committee members.
- The showcase video of the Accessibility Award champions for 2022 will be shared at the Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees on November 22, 2022 and will be posted on [www.durham.ca/accessibility](http://www.durham.ca/accessibility) on December 2, 2022.
- There will be a virtual event for Durham Region staff regarding Ability Acceptance presented by Mitchell Daniels from Grandiview Kids on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the invitation will be extended to Committee members.
- Michael Roche was presented with the 2022 Accessibility Award on behalf of the AAC on November 18, 2022. He will be acknowledged as part of the 9 champions within the news release.

Discussion ensued with regards to returning to in-person meetings and being paid honorarium for attending advisory committee meetings. K. Wall advised she would provide an update at the next meeting.

**8. Reports for Information**

There were no reports to consider.

**9. Other Business**

A) Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games

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D. Campbell advised that the Durham Region 2023 Ontario Parasport Games being held February 3-5, 2023 is now accepting applications for volunteers.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by D. Hume-McKenna,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Campbell, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk