



REGION OF PEEL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

AAC - 2/2019

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee met on April 18, 2019 at 1:32 p.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, Ontario.

Members Present: C. Belleth; C. Chafe; R. Chopra; P. Crawford-Dickinson; M. Daniel; A. Groves; N. Husain; N. Iannicca♦; A. Karim; M. Mahoney♦; A. Misar; I. Sinclair

Members Absent: P. Fortini, due to other municipal business

Also Present: N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health; Dr. Lawrence Loh, Associate Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Legal Services; V. Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist; J. Jones, Legislative Specialist; H. Gill, Committee Clerk; T. Kobikrishna, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by R. Chopra

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION AAC-5-2019:

That the agenda for the April 18, 2019, Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

4. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**

* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

5. REPORTS

5.1. Food Handler Certification Training - Addressing the Accessibility Needs of Clients

Presentation by Dr. Lawrence Loh, Associate Medical Officer of Health

Received

Dr. Lawrence Loh, Associate Medical Officer of Health, provided an overview of the Food Handler Certification Training program and discussed accessibility features that have been incorporated into the program to minimize accessibility barriers for those taking the training.

5.2. Annual Accessibility Status Report 2018

Received

In response to concerns raised by Committee Members regarding the enforcement of accessibility requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) for private businesses, Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist indicated that the matter could be brought to the attention of the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario as the responsibility of enforcement is outside the jurisdiction of the Region of Peel.

Chair Iannicca departed at 2:07 p.m.

Councillor Mahoney suggested that the Chair of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee write a letter to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to inform the Province of accessibility barriers that Peel residents continue to face and advocate for enforcement of the AODA with respect to private businesses.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-6-2019:

That the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair write a letter to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, on behalf of the Committee, to advocate for enforcement of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* with respect to private businesses in order to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities through the removal and prevention of barriers to ensure their right to participate and access services.

5.3. 2019 Legislative Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

Received

RECOMMENDATION AAC-7-2019:

That staff report back to a future Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting on the barriers to implementation of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* on all forms of residential buildings with respect to the Ontario Building Code and the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

5.4. **Accessibility Planning Program Update - April 18, 2019**

Received

Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update on the following matters:

- Accessibility Week will take place May 26, 2019 to June 1, 2019 and will include various tactics to promote and raise awareness within the organization about accessibility.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities will take place December 3, 2019 at an external venue. The event will consist of motivational speakers and exhibits to educate and raise awareness regarding accessibility in the Peel community. Volunteers were requested to assist with the planning.
- Connections 2019 Resource Fair and Career Corner for Persons with Disabilities will take place May 16, 2019. Volunteers were requested to assist with managing the Region of Peel information table.
- Councillor Saito's Seniors Fair will be held May 31, 2019. Volunteers were requested to assist.

Councillor Mahoney departed at 2:44 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. **Raj Chopra, Committee Member**, Providing an Update on the Provincial Health Care Standards Development Committee (Oral)

Received

Raj Chopra, Committee Chair provided an update on the Provincial Health Care Standards Development Committee. The Committee is comprised of 20 members from across the Province of Ontario. Their mandate includes the provision of recommendations regarding the establishment of long-term objectives in the health sector that will assist with removal of barriers for persons with disabilities when accessing health services. Identified barriers include: administration and accountability; disability awareness and education; and education and training of health care providers and the general public regarding problems faced by persons with disabilities in the health sector. The Committee's draft recommendations will be made available on the Provincial Government's website for 45 days to allow for public input. Upon review, final recommendations will be submitted to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

6.2. **Judi Lytle, Accessibility Coordinator, Capital Works Department, City of Burlington**, Email dated March 7, 2019, Regarding the Honourable David C. Only, Lieutenant Governor, 2019 Legislative Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

Received

- 6.3. **Coalition for Persons With Disabilities**, Flyer received March 20, 2019, Regarding Connections 2019 Resource Fair and Career Corner for Persons with Disabilities

Received

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Groves provided an update on the progress of the indoor bocce court in Bolton. The facility will be fully accessible and is due for completion in July 2019.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Harjit Gill, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4854 or at harjit.gill@peelregion.ca.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03.