

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 2
OF THE REGIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29, 2009**

**For Consideration by the
Community Services and Housing Committee of
The Regional Municipality of York
on May 13, 2009**

Chair: Regional Councillor V. Spatafora

Members: J. Cameron
M. Gaukel
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Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Regional Councillor D. Wheeler
Regional Chair B. Fisch (ex-officio)

Staff Present: C. Abankwa-Harris, K. Antonio-Hadcock, D. Basso, B. Bridle,
L. Chandler, L. Davies, S. Doyle, M. Faccin, L. Gonsalves,
T. Grover, M. Herder, J. Hulton, A. Saintiche, D. Seetaram

The Accessibility Advisory Committee began its meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2009.

UPDATE - COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

The Accessibility Advisory Committee advises the Community Services and Housing Committee of the following matters having been considered by the Accessibility Advisory Committee with the following action:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Loretta Chandler, Manager, Emergency Management and Morris Faccin, Coordinator, Training, Exercises and Public Education, Emergency Management, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding 'York Region Emergency Management'. **Received.**

The Committee requested that staff of the Emergency Management Branch of the Office of the CAO prepare a report for review at the September 23, 2009 AAC Committee on the opportunity for York Region to develop a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan for persons with disabilities based on best practices in other jurisdictions, and considering communications, identification processes, emergency planning exercises, etc.

2. Karen Antonio-Hadcock, Senior Planner, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Planning and Development Services, regarding 'Draft Criteria for Building New Communities in York Region'. **Received.**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ontario Human Rights Commission's submission to the Ministry of Community and Social Services, March 31, 2009, regarding 'The Final Proposed Accessible Transportation Standard'. **Received.**

The Committee requested that staff communicate with the Ontario Rights Commission regarding Standard 6.3 and the wording of their submission concerning "walk up" and the size of the signage.

2. Cindy Gorlewski, Chair, Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee, Town of Newmarket, March 19, 2009, regarding 'Accessible Stall Signage'. **Received.**
3. Ellen Waxman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Community and Social Services, April 24, 2009 regarding 'Accessibility Advisory Committees (AACs) Regional Forums'. **Received.**

It was noted that York Region Transit will coordinate rides for Committee members requiring mobility transit services. Committee members were requested to contact Lois Davies regarding their participation.

4. Raymond Callery, President, AMCTO, April 24, 2009 to the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community & Social Services, regarding 'Proposed Employment Accessibility Standard'. **Received.**
5. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, April 24, 2009, regarding Regional Council's decision to recognize May 24 – May 30, 2009 as National Access Awareness Week. **Received.**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Service Integration and Policy, Community and Health Services, regarding brief update on the '*Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005*'. **Received.**
2. Lois Davies, Program Manager, AODA/ODA, Community and Health Services, regarding brief update on the 'AMCTO Accessibility Forum March 24, 2009'. **Received.**
3. Aisha Saintiche, Senior Program and Compliance Analyst, Community and Health Services, report back concerning 'Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee Workshop'. **Received.**
4. The Committee congratulated Kirsten Hill, who received the 2009 Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration in recognition of her five years of service with the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee.
5. The final York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee brochure was circulated. The Committee congratulated staff on the final version.
6. Margaret Gaukel invited members to participate in the Mount Albert Sports Day and Fair on June 5, 6 and 7, 2009. The local AAC Committee will be sponsoring a wheelchair-rally at the event and are looking for teams. Further information will be circulated.
7. The Committee congratulated Trish Robichaud who will be the keynote speaker at the Ministry of Government Services 'Accessibility Expo' on May 28, 2009.

8. The Committee was informed that an additional meeting of the YRAAC has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in order to hear the 2010 Departmental Accessibility Plans. A Notice of Additional Meeting will be circulated.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April 29, 2009
Newmarket, Ontario

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V. Spatafora
Chair