



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Members Present:	Mohammed Ali (Citizen Member) Carol-Ann Chafe (Vice-Chair, Citizen Member) Mary Daniel (Chair, Citizen Member) Cecille Gooding (Citizen Member) Nando Iannicca (Regional Chair) Venkatraman Iyer (Citizen Member) Azhar Karim (Citizen Member)	Dennis Keenan (Regional Councillor) Kathleen Lynch (Citizen Member) Matt Mahoney (Regional Councillor) Mario Russo (Regional Councillor) Angela Shaw (Citizen Member) Priyanka Sheth (Citizen Member) Kevin Wilson (Citizen Member)
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Members Absent: Michelle Bilek (Citizen Member)

Staff Present:	G. Kent, Chief Administrative Officer D. Valeri, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services J. Zingaro, Acting Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Legislative Services K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works	D. Handa, Acting Director, Office of Culture and Inclusion C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services H. Gill, Legislative Technical Advisor J. Jones, Legislative Specialist S. MacGregor, Legislative Technical Coordinator
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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mary Daniel, Committee Chair, called the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting to order on September 7, 2023 at 1:32 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive.

Regional Chair Iannicca departed at 2:06 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Committee Chair Daniel declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 4.1 on the September 7, 2023 Regional Council Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda, as she works with Access 2 Accessibility (A2A).

Committee Vice-Chair Chafe declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 4.1 on the September 7, 2023 Regional Council Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda, as she is the founder and Chair of A2A.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION AAC-8-2023:

That the agenda for the September 7, 2023 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) include an announcement from Committee Chair Daniel regarding Arthritis Awareness Month to be dealt with under Other Business - Item 7.1.; and

That the agenda for the September 7, 2023 AAC meeting be approved, as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

Committee Chair Daniel declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 4.1, as she works with Access 2 Accessibility (A2A). She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

Committee Vice-Chair Chafe declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 4.1, as she is the founder and Chair of A2A. She did not vote on the matter.

Councillor Mahoney assumed the Chair.

4.1 Carol-Ann Chafe, Founder and Chair, Access 2 Accessibility

Presenting Phase I of Access 2 Accessibility's Adaptive and Inclusive Micro-mobility Program

Received

RECOMMENDATION AAC-9-2023:

That a letter be sent to Access 2 Accessibility (A2A) advising of Regional Council's support of A2A's Adaptive and Inclusive Micro-mobility initiative.

Carol-Ann Chafe, Founder and Chair, Access 2 Accessibility (A2A) provided an overview of A2A including a description of its members and programs, and Phase I of A2A's Adaptive and Inclusive Micro-mobility initiative.

Member Shaw requested that a motion to provide a letter of support be recommended to Regional Council.

Member Ali noted a concern regarding potential safety issues related to improper storage of micro-mobility vehicles such as e-scooters, bicycles and other devices; and the need to ensure public awareness.

Committee Chair Daniel resumed the Chair.

5. REPORTS

5.1 2023 TransHelp Update (Oral)

Presentation by Mark Castro, Director, TransHelp

Received

Mark Castro, Director, TransHelp, provided an update on current ridership trends; passenger experience survey results; and program and project updates.

Committee Members discussed and asked questions regarding the current need for prepayments; the process to refund rides; other municipalities' usage of Presto Card payments; future ability to process bookings and make revisions on-

line; continued improvements for consistency and transparency of the TransHelp eligibility and application process; a request to include an update on eligibility in the next TransHelp report; implementation of a shorter return trip window; tracking of vehicles and estimated times of arrival; and potential effects of the dissolution of Peel Region on TransHelp and the need for continuity of service.

5.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Accommodation Requests

(For information)

Received

5.3 Accessibility Planning Program Update – September 7, 2023

(For information)

Received

Veronica Montesdeoca, Accessibility Planning Specialist, provided an update on observances regarding National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October; accessible Trick or Treating campaign initiatives; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and an invitation from Metrolinx regarding a 2023 virtual accessibility consultation on September 28, 2023.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Arthritis Society Canada

Regarding Arthritis Awareness Month

Received

Committee Chair Daniel advised that September is Arthritis Awareness Month. Information provided by Arthritis Society Canada includes an advocacy toolkit.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 2, 2023
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 5th Floor
Regional Administrative Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, Ontario

Please forward regrets to Jill Jones at jill.jones@peelregion.ca

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.