



## Minutes

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

### The Corporation of the City of Brampton

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Members Present: Franco Spadafora, Co-Chair  
Gurleen Garcha, Co-Chair  
Paula Anderson  
Sherri Hopkins  
Nuno Alberto Peixoto  
Vanessa Tantalo

Members Absent: Michelle Buckland  
Kathia Johnson  
Sukhbir Taank  
City Councillor Rod Power - Wards 7 and 8

Staff Present: Janice Adshead, Deputy City Clerk  
Sylvia Ingham, Accessibility Coordinator  
Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator  
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator

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#### 1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

#### 2. **Approval of Agenda**

**AAC016-2023**

That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023 be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

**3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Nil

**4. Minutes**

**4.1 Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee June 6, 2023**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on June 21, 2023, and approved by Council on June 28, 2023. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

**5. Presentations\Delegations**

**5.1 Presentation by Sebastian Lubczynski, Senior Architect, DPAI Architecture Inc. re: Accessibility Design within Brampton Fire Station 215**

Sebastian Lubczynski, Senior Architect, DPAI Architecture Inc. provided a presentation, entitled, 'Accessibility Design within Brampton Fire Station 215'.

Committee discussion and questions on this matter included the following:

- Clearance width according to Building Code requirements for access into the bay area of the building
- Availability of an adult change table
- Automatic door opener for the main office building
- Need for sufficient number of barrier free washrooms to meet occupancy of building

A motion was put forward to request that a review of the access corridor leading to the bay area of the building be undertaken to ensure that all needs of employees are met from an accessibility point of view.

Further discussion took place. The delegation and the project manager advised that all fire fighters and staff working at the station would be deemed fit for service and would have no disability issues. Fire fighters who may have an accident will be required to stay at home on disability. Staff added that the design of the station is considered to be 'standard design practice', with 'standard operations' for all City of Brampton fire stations.

Based on the response, there was consensus to withdraw the motion as put forward for consideration.

The following motion was considered:

**AAC017-2023**

That the presentation by Sebastian Lubczynski, Senior Architect, DPAI Architecture Inc., to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, re: **Accessibility Design within Brampton Fire Station 215** be received.

Carried

5.2 Presentation by Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator, re: The Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund

Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator, provided a presentation entitled, 'The Government of Canada's Enabling Youth Fund'.

In response to questions from Committee, staff advised

- Frequency of the Enabling Accessibility Fund event will be confirmed
- Information sessions were available both in English and French

The following motion was considered:

**AAC018-2023**

That the presentation from Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, re: **The Government of Canada's Enabling Youth Fund** be received.

Carried

5.3 Presentation by Chantel Macdonald, Recreation and Integration Services, re: Recreation Inclusion and Integration

Committee was advised that Kimberley Souce, Coordinator, Integrated Services, will assist with the presentation.

Chantel Macdonald, Supervisor and Kimberley Souce, Coordinator, Integration Services, Community Services, provided a presentation entitled, "Recreation and Integration".

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Registration process for programs and costs to participants
- Fees were not required for the support offered for programs
- Annual fees and individual session fees vary depending on the nature of the programs
- Programs are offered at City facilities that meet accessibility requirements
- Confirmation that staff would work with various community partners, such as Brampton Caledon Community Living, Erin Oak and Kerry's Place for any type of support or training beyond the staff level of expertise, or outsource for specific areas of expertise
- Staff remain engaged with the staff of the Region of Peel given its anticipated dissolution of the organization

- Reference to The Ability Centre, a facility in the Town of Whitby, and whether Brampton was considering such a facility for the City - staff will look into this further

The following motion was considered:

**AAC019-2023**

That the presentation by Chantel Macdonald, Recreation and Integration Services, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, e: **Recreation Inclusion and Integration** be received.

Carried

**6. Municipal Accessibility Plan Priorities**

Nil

**7. Other/New Business**

**7.1 Update by By-law and Enforcement Services re: Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q2**

Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, Legislative Coordinator, provided an overview of the accessible parking spaces investigated at various locations in the City.

The following motion was considered:

**AAC020-2023**

That the update by Roberta Van Belkom, Enforcement Officer, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, re: Accessible Parking Enforcement Update – Q2 be received.

Carried

**8. Correspondence**

Nil

9. **Information Items**

Nil

10. **Question Period**

Nil

11. **Public Question Period**

Nil

12. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered:

**AAC021-2023**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2023 do now adjourn to meet again on November 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

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Franco Spadafora, Co-Chair

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Gurleen Garcha, Co-Chair