

Bryce, Monica

From: Bryce, Monica
Sent: January 7, 2005 2:55 PM
To: 'Anita Moore'; 'Bob Panizza'; 'Chris Raynor'; 'Chris Somerville'; 'Diane LaPointe-Kay'; 'Jason Stulberg'; 'John Rogers'; 'Marcel Lanteigne'; 'Roland Chenier'; 'Tom Parry'
Cc: 'Wilf and Nelda Morley'; 'Robert Hunn'
Subject: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

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Monica

January 7, 2005

Dear AAC Chair

One of the items discussed at the AAC Chairs meeting in October was whether a guide was needed for people with disabilities describing the accessibility of various places of interest in each municipality.

Since that meeting, the Markham AAC has expressed an interest in initiating a project to develop a region-wide guide that would outline the accessibility features of a variety of different places of interest within York Region. Shopping centres, tourist attractions, dining, lodging, transportation and places of worship were identified as possible categories to be included in the guide.

When this idea was presented at a York Region AAC meeting, it was suggested that a letter be sent to all of the AAC Chairs in York Region to determine if there is interest among the different AACs in participating in such a project. Although the Markham AAC has volunteered to lead the project initially, it will be important that all municipalities participate so that places of interest from across York Region are included in the final guide.

One of the first steps would be to agree to a common set of accessibility standards to be used throughout the Region in developing the guide.

Please let me know if your Committee would be interested in having someone participate in this initiative. If you are interested, please send me the name and email address of the person who will represent your Committee. I will forward all of the names to Bob Hunn, Chair of the Markham AAC.

Please send your response by January 31, 2005.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Original Signed by

Wilf Morley
Chair, York Region AAC

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce, Monica

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 3:28 PM

To: 'mlanteigne@richmondhill.ca'

Subject: RE: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Hi Marcel,

My understanding is that no decisions have been made as to the content or production of the guide. This initiative was brought to the York Region AAC by the Chair of the Markham AAC. At this time, the York Region AAC is just looking to see if any other AACs are interested in this project. No other commitments have been made.

Hope that this helps.

Monica

-----Original Message-----

From: mlanteigne@richmondhill.ca [mailto:mlanteigne@richmondhill.ca]

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 3:11 PM

To: Bryce, Monica

Subject: Re: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Hi Monica,

How big is this guide going to be?? Should it include all attractions??
Who is going to organize and list all these places??

Marcel Lanteigne
Manager, Transportation and Site Plans
Engineering and Public Works
905-771-5448 ext. 2456

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce, Monica
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2005 3:47 PM
To: 'LaPointe-Kay, Diane'
Subject: RE: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Thanks very much Diane. I'll let Wilf know to expect a response after your meeting.

Monica

-----Original Message-----

From: LaPointe-Kay, Diane [mailto:Diane.LaPointe-Kay@vaughan.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2005 10:10 AM
To: Bryce, Monica; Anita Moore; Bob Panizza; ChrisRaynor; Chris Somerville; Stulberg, Jason; JohnRogers; Marcel Lanteigne; Roland Chenier; Tom Parry
Cc: Wilf and Nelda Morley; Robert Hunn; Precopi, Viviana
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The item will be on the agenda for the next Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting for January 25, 2005 with the response to follow.

Diane LaPointe-Kay
 Director, Recreation and Culture
 Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee - Staff Liaison
 905 832-8500 #8117

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce, Monica [mailto:Monica.Bryce@york.ca]
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 2:55 PM
To: Anita Moore; Bob Panizza; Chris Raynor; Chris Somerville; LaPointe-Kay, Diane; Stulberg, Jason; John Rogers; Marcel Lanteigne; Roland Chenier; Tom Parry
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-----Original Message-----

From: bpanizza@town.aurora.on.ca [mailto:bpanizza@town.aurora.on.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 8:40 AM

To: Bryce, Monica

Subject:

Hello Monica: In response to your recent letter, I will place it on the agenda for our next AAC meeting which will be held on Jan 27. I will follow up with you then.

Bob Panizza

Director of Corporate Services

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Hunn [mailto:hunn@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2005 9:26 AM
To: Bondi, Janice
Cc: Bryce, Monica
Subject: Re: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Hi Janice,

As Monica noted, we are still at the exploratory phase of this project, and have no hard information regarding time commitments, etc. However, it has been suggested that, wherever possible, high-school students (who must undertake community service before graduation), and other interested citizens be trained by the advisory committees to conduct the actual on-site visits of designated establishments.

Regarding meetings, I would assume that it may be necessary to have only one or two with all of the interested Chairs present, and this could be arranged at the York Regional offices. Sub-committees covering the various stages of data collection, consolidation, layout, printing and distribution could also meet separately, as the bulk of the communications, I believe, should be able to be handled through e-mails, telephone calls, etc. While there will be a need for some hard-copy guides (possibly including some in large print), it was felt that, in order to keep it current and allow for the widest possible access, the new guide should be placed on York Region's web page. Therefore, a protocol must be developed to ensure timely and accurate updates.

Also, the Markham AAC is pursuing partial funding for this project (to be applied towards production and distribution costs) through our local Lions Club. Additional revenues could also be available through appropriate advertisements placed within the guide.

I hope this is somewhat helpful. If you or the Chair have additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Bob Hunn, Chair
 Markham AAC
hunn@sympatico.ca
 905-731-9572

----- Original Message -----

From: Bryce, Monica
To: Bondi, Janice
Cc: Robert Hunn
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 4:10 PM
Subject: RE: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Hi Janice,

At this point, the York Region AAC is trying to determine the level of interest that exists generally among the AACs to undertake such a project. As such, I don't have any additional details at this time.

By way of this email, I am copying Bob Hunn who is the Chair of the Markham AAC and may have more information for you.

I hope that this is helpful.

Monica

-----Original Message-----

From: Bondi, Janice [mailto:jbondi@newmarket.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 3:33 PM
To: Bryce, Monica
Subject: FW: Letter to all AAC Chairs from Wilf Morley

Monica,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding this proposed initiative. Our Chair has requested further information (if you have it) such as time commitment, where the meetings will take place.

Please advise.
 Thanks,

Janice Bondi
 Council/Committee Coordinator
 Town of Newmarket

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Somerville [mailto:csomerville@township.king.on.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 9:46 AM

To: Bryce, Monica

Cc: Diane Moratto; Kathleen Patterson; Bev Barra-Berger; Dorothy Izzard; Jane Binions

Subject: Letter from Wilf Morley to AAC Chairs

Hi Monica:

Our AAC met on January 12, 2005 and discussed the letter from Mr. Morley regarding a Guide to accessible locations in York Region. Coincidentally, a similar project is an item on the AAC Work Plan for King Township and the AAC was very pleased to see that this initiative may become a Region-wide effort. Kathleen Patterson, Chair would be pleased to participate as the representative for the King Township AAC.

Kathleen's e-mail is patterson-w-k@bigfoot.com

Chris Somerville

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