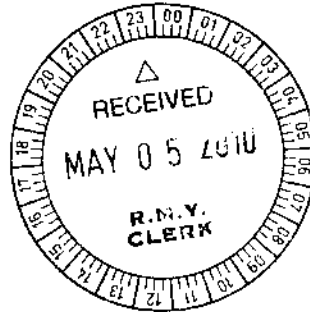




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April 30, 2010

Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Kelly,

FILE No. - P14

RE: Mobility Plus Policy

The York Region Transit policies for Mobility Plus do not provide for service for persons who have visual disabilities, as they are considered capable of using regular transit with their guide dogs and assistive devices. Unfortunately, this leaves such residents with very little or no public transportation options, as there is no regular bus service in King Township, with the exception of very limited service in the King City area.

At its meeting of March 22, 2010, Council approved a recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that the requirements for Mobility Plus eligibility be extended to provide for persons with visual impairment in municipalities where there is limited or no regular transit service. An extract of the Committee of the Whole report is enclosed.

At its meeting of April 13th, 2010, the King Township Accessibility Advisory Committee considered and endorsed the above recommendation of Council.

Yours truly

Chris Somerville

Clerk

Encl.

c.c. Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Commissioner of Transportation Services
Rick Leary, General Manager, Transit
Kathleen Patterson, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of March 22nd, 2010 was adopted by Council at its meeting of March 22nd, 2010. The minutes of the meeting were approved by Council at its meeting of April 12th, 2010.

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C.O.W. #2010-72

Resolution to the Region of York

Re: Mobility Plus – Policy Amendment to Include Persons with Vision Disabilities

Mayor Black advised that the York Region Transit policies for Mobility Plus do not provide service for persons who have visual disabilities, as they are considered capable of using regular transit with their guide dogs and assistive devices. However, in municipalities such as King, there is very limited regular transit available, and persons with visual disabilities are virtually dependent on family and friends for transportation.

Mayor Black made a motion that the Clerk write to the Region of York requesting the requirements for Mobility Plus eligibility be extended to provide for persons with visual impairment in municipalities where there is limited or no regular transit service.

Motion Carried.

CHRIS SOMERVILLE
CLERK