

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 2
OF THE REGIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 30, 2005**

**For Consideration by the
Community Services and Housing Committee of
the Regional Municipality of York
on April 13, 2005**

Chair: W. Morley

Members: Z. Brown
K. Hill
D. Humeniuk
R. Hunn
M. Proulx
Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

Staff Present: C. Abankwa-Harris, B. Drew, L. Gonsalves, J. Hulton, J. Jacob, S. Neill, J. Simmons

The Accessibility Advisory Committee began its meeting at 4:05 p.m. on March 30, 2005.

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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:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Memo from Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing dated March 18, 2005 regarding draft letter to be sent from Wilf Morley, AAC Chair regarding "Follow up on Access Guide Project".
Received and endorsed.
2. Memo from Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing dated March 18, 2005 regarding draft letter to be sent from Wilf Morley, AAC Chair and Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, AAC Vice-Chair regarding "Harmonizing the Ontario Building Code (OBC) with the proposed Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (AODA)".
Received and endorsed.
3. Memo from Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing dated March 18, 2005 forwarding an Extract of the Transit Committee report "York Region Transit – Free Ride Policy". **Memo received, together with presentation by Brian Drew, Manager of Specialized Transit.**
4. Establishing the York Region AAC's role and priorities in the implementation of "Moving Forward: York Region's 2005 Accessibility Plan".

Committee provided feedback to staff regarding its priorities for implementation of the 2005 Accessibility Plan.

5. Status of Regional Council's approval of "Moving Forward: York Region's 2005 Accessibility Plan".

Committee was advised that the plan will be presented to Regional Council at its March 31, 2005 and all members were invited and encouraged to attend.

6. Update on the proposed "Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004".

Staff advised that the draft bill is undergoing clause by clause debate and further information will be provided once it becomes available.

7. Access Ontario II Conference Update.

Committee members were requested to advise Lisa Gonsalves by April 8, 2005 if they are interested in attending.

8. Just Ask: Accessibility and Inclusivity Course Update.

Committee was advised that the course is now being offered corporate wide and is being favourably received. Any Committee members interested in participating were requested to advise Lisa Gonsalves.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Marc Gallant, Web Publisher for the Region provided samples of proposed changes to Regional staff's business cards.

Committee requested that the final draft of the business cards be forwarded to them for input.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**March 30, 2005
Newmarket, Ontario**

**W. Morley
Chair**

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