

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 4
OF THE REGIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

**For Consideration by the
Community Services and Housing Committee of
the Regional Municipality of York
on October 19, 2005**

Chair: W. Morley

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

Staff Present: C. Abankwa-Harris, L. Gonsalves, J. Hulton, S. Neill

The Accessibility Advisory Committee began its meeting at 4:00 p.m. on September 28, 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:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Brenda McGowan, Tourism Promotion Co-ordinator, Planning and Development Services Department, regarding "Update on the Premier Ranked Tourism Infrastructure Audit".

Committee received the presentation and requested that a letter be sent to the Province of Ontario with suggested amendments and enhancements to the questions contained in the provincial Premier Ranked Tourism Destination survey.

2. Brenda McGowan, Tourism Promotion Co-ordinator, Planning and Development Services Department, regarding "Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible". Ms McGowan advised Committee that the Ontario Historical Society has developed a Tool Kit to assist Ontario Heritage sites to reduce barriers and increase accessibility. She announced that a Workshop is being organized for January, 2006 to provide information to stakeholders regarding the use of the Tool Kit.

Committee received the presentation and expressed its support for the project. Committee further agreed to send a letter to the local municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee inviting them to participate in the Workshop, subject to space considerations.

3. Gabe Tropea, Manager, Housing Development and Martha McBurnie, Project Supervisor, Housing Services, Community Services and Housing Department regarding "Modifications to Housing Units". **Received**
4. Lisa Gonsalves, Senior Program Manager ODA, Policy and Program Support Services Division, Community Services and Housing Department regarding "2006 Accessibility Planning Process".

Committee received the presentation and endorsed the proposed 2006 Accessibility Planning Process.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. John Gerretsen, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario dated May 20, 2005 regarding "Compatibility of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act, 2005* with the Ontario Building Code". **Received**
6. Roland Chenier, Town Clerk, Town of Georgina dated June 29, 2005 regarding "Region-Wide Access Guide Project". **Received**

7. Anna Knowles, Deputy Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury dated July 19, 2005 regarding "Town of East Gwillimbury – Accessibility Standards".

Committee received the communication and requested that a letter be sent to the Town of East Gwillimbury congratulating them on their Accessibility Standards.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. R. Hunn advised Committee of a resolution passed by the Town of Markham regarding full service gas stations.

Committee requested that they be provided with a copy of the resolution and that a letter be sent to the Town of Markham congratulating them on this initiative.

9. M. Proulx advised Committee of an initiative of the Canadian Mental Health Association in partnership with the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration entitled "Mental Health Works". The program is designed to provide organizations with the tools and resources they need to actively address the issues involving mental illness.
10. W. Morley provided information regarding the "AAC Breakfast Workshop" hosted by the Town of East Gwillimbury on September 14, 2005.
11. W. Morley provided a report on his attendance at the June 13 -14, 2005 Access Ontario II Conference.
12. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 26, 2005. C. Abankwa-Harris advised that a VIVA bus demonstration is tentatively planned for this meeting. Committee suggested the demonstration be held prior to the usual start time. Committee will be advised upon confirmation.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**September 28, 2005
Newmarket, Ontario**

**W. Morley
Chair**

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