

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 5
OF THE REGIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

**For Consideration by the
Community Services and Housing Committee of
The Regional Municipality of York
on December 10, 2008**

Chair: W. Morley, Vice Chair

Members: M. Gaukel
C. Gorlewski
K. Hill
D. Hardaker
D. Hordo
D. Humeniuk
Regional Councillor V. Spatafora
Regional Councillor J. Taylor

Staff Present: C. Abankwa-Harris, B. Bridle, B. Crowe, L. Cugalj, J. Davidson,
L. Davies, M. Gallant, T. Grover, M. Herder, P. Thiru,
K. Vandette, J. Wetmore.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee began its meeting at 4:02 p.m. on November 12, 2008.

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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. Marc Gallant, Senior Multimedia Specialist, Corporate Communications Services, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding 'Draft 2009 Corporate Communications Services Accessibility Plan'. **Received.**

The Committee recommended that the use of acronyms be avoided, and that Kirsten Hill participate in the RSS technology pilot, where applicable.

2. Lucas Cugalj, Director, Strategy and Business Planning, Environmental Services Department, regarding 'Draft 2009 Environmental Services Accessibility Plan'. **Received.**

The Committee requested that staff investigate audio links on the website for brochures.

The Committee further recommended that the AAC critique and comment on all departmental Emergency Plans to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are addressed; that future emergency management exercises at the Region also incorporate the comments and expertise of the AAC, and preferably that members of the AAC be invited to participate in these exercises; and that notice be sent to all Regional municipal AAC's of this action for their information, and that they also be invited to participate in the planning of such exercises.

3. Tracy Grover, Project Coordinator, Property Services, Corporate Services Department, regarding 'Draft 2009 Corporate Services Accessibility Plan'. **Received.**

COMMUNICATIONS

4. The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister, Ministry of Community and Social Services, October 10, 2008, regarding 'Provincial Progress on Accessibility'. **Received.**

5. The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, October, 2008, regarding 'Ontario's Volunteer Recognition Programs for 2009'. **Received.**

The Committee recommended that Kirsten Hill be nominated by the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Volunteer Service Award (VSA) through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Lois Davies, Acting Senior Program Manager, ODA, regarding 'Update on the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Brochure.'

A second draft of the brochure was circulated and feedback was provided. The picture will be retaken at the February 25, 2009 AAC meeting. The Committee was invited to review the draft and provide further comments by email to Lois by November 28, 2008.

7. Snow Removal and Windrows

Concern was raised regarding snow removal in public areas in the Region, specifically in Newmarket by the hospital. Community Services and Housing staff will contact Transportation Services staff who can report on this issue when they make their departmental presentation to Committee at the next AAC meeting.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**November 12, 2008
Newmarket, Ontario**

**W. Morley
Vice Chair**

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