TOWN OF AURORA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: John Lenchak (Chair), Leonard Fox, Helen Kogan, and Councillor Wendy Gaertner

Member(s) Absent: Tyler Barker (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Sheena Vert, Interpreter, Chris Catania, Accessibility Advisor, and Patty Thoma, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Helen Kogan   *Seconded by Leonard Fox*

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, **with the following additional item**, be approved:

Item 3 – Correspondence received from York Region
               Re: York Region Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel - Membership

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2014

Moved by Helen Kogan   *Seconded by Leonard Fox*

> THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

**(a)   Linda Jones, Canadian Hearing Society (CHS)
Re: CHS Programs and Services**

Moved by Councillor Gaertner   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

> THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to allow the delegate more than five minutes for the delegation.

CARRIED (two-thirds vote)

Ms. Jones presented an overview of the Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) and noted that this non-profit, charitable organization's mission is to provide full access and remove communication barriers for people with hearing disabilities. She advised on programs and services offered by CHS and noted various areas of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.* Ms. Jones advised on communication barriers, the importance of understanding accommodation needs, and various ways and devices, including auditory and visual aids, that are available to facilitate communication and barrier-free access. She provided a demonstration of Ubi-Duo, and presented a short movie on providing and promoting customer service at recreational centres by better understanding the challenges and barriers that need to change.

Moved by Leonard Fox   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

> THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Leonard Fox   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff investigate and report back to Council on the provision of education and devices, including auditory and visual aids, for improving barrier-free access for communications for visual and hearing impaired customers at all Town of Aurora facilities.

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Meeting Extract regarding AAC14-05 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report of May 7, 2014**

    Moved by Councillor Gaertner   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

    THAT the meeting extract regarding Meeting Extract regarding AAC14-05 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report of May 7, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **Pending List**

    Moved by Councillor Gaertner   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

    THAT the Pending List be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **Correspondence received from York Region**
    Re: York Region Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel – Membership
(Added Item)

Moved by Councillor Gaertner   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

THAT the Correspondence received from York Region regarding York Region Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel – Membership be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Lenchak thanked the Committee members for their participation and for being part of an important contribution to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gaertner   *Seconded by Helen Kogan*

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CARRIED

THE REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2014 RECEIVED APPROVAL BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON JUNE 17, 2014 AND FINAL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUNE 24, 2014.