



## **Town of Aurora Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 5, 2016
<b>Time and Location:</b>	4 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Tyler Barker (Chair), John Lenchak (Vice Chair) (arrived 4:29 p.m.), James Hoyes, and Jo-anne Spitzer
<b>Member(s) Absent:</b>	Gordon Barnes and Councillor Sandra Humfryes
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Fausto Filippetto, Senior Policy Planner, Chris Catania, Accessibility Advisor, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

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

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by James Hoyes  
Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

- Item 4 – Extract from Council Meeting of September 27, 2016  
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Abel, Re: Portable Fully Accessible Washroom Trailer

**Carried as amended**

### **3. Receipt of the Minutes**

**Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2016**  
**Moved by James Hoyes**  
**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 7, 2016, be received for information.

**Carried**

### **4. Delegations**

**(a) Fausto Filipetto, Senior Policy Planner**  
**Re: Library Square and Town Park Update**

Mr. Filipetto gave an overview of the Library Square and Town Park conceptual plans, and provided background, public survey results and feedback, and next steps. The Committee noted that they would like to see more accessible parking and accessible play areas, and that they look forward to seeing the progress of this project.

**Moved by James Hoyes**  
**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

1. That the delegation be received for information.

**Carried**

### **5. Matters for Consideration**

**1. Memorandum from Planner**  
**Re: Site Plan Application**  
**Markangel Real Estate Assets Inc.**  
**55 Eric T. Smith Way**  
**Lot 6 and Part of Block 11 Registered Plan 65M-4324**  
**File No. SP-2016-06**

Staff gave a brief overview of the proposed site plan, and The Committee discussed aspects of the application, including the number of accessible parking spots and accessible entrances, and noted that they look forward to seeing future submissions regarding this property.

**Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer**  
**Seconded by James Hoyes**

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application, Markangel Real Estate Assets Inc., 55 Eric T. Smith Way, Lot 6 and Part of Block 11 Registered Plan 65M-4324, File No. SP-2016-06 be received; and
2. That the following Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the proposed Site Plan Amendment be considered by staff:
  - Suggestion to increase the total number of parking spaces from six (6) to twelve (12) (four (4) accessible parking spaces per building); and
  - Suggestion to separate accessible parking spots (i.e., two spaces at each end of the front side of the building) and include the appropriate curb cuts and access isles; and
  - Suggestion to include wide, automatic sliding doors at entrances to buildings; and
  - Suggestion to ensure that all entrances are barrier-free (e.g. no potted plants); and
  - Suggestion to include automatic door openers to washrooms.

**Carried**

## **6. Informational Items**

### **2. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor** **Re: Enhanced Access to the Town of Aurora's Trail System**

Staff provided details regarding the Town's current trail system, and noted that staff are currently in the process of including the Town's accessible trails on various Town and provincial maps. The Committee discussed various aspects of the trail system, including signage.

**Moved by James Hoyes**  
**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

1. That the memorandum regarding Enhanced Access to the Town of Aurora's Trail System be received for information.

**Carried**

3. **Extract from Council Meeting of September 27, 2016**  
**Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2016**

**Moved by John Lenchak**  
**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of September 27, 2016, regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 7, 2016, be received for information.

**Carried**

4. **Extract from Council Meeting of September 27, 2016**  
**Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Abel, Re: Portable Fully Accessible Washroom Trailer**

The Chair provided background information to the project, and noted that more than \$90,000 has been raised by stakeholders for the portable, fully accessible washroom trailer to date.

**Moved by James Hoyes**  
**Seconded by John Lenchak**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of September 27, regarding Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Abel, Re: Portable Fully Accessible Washroom Trailer, be received for information.

**Carried**

## 7. New Business

James Hoyes noted that at the Heritage Advisory Committee, he suggested that accessibility features could be added to events such as Doors Open and Town walking tours, and proposed that audio tours be available at Town facilities.

James Hoyes noted that the water facility at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada is exceptional, and that Muskoka Woods youth resort is building an interactive area for children with Autism.

John Lenchak inquired about the status of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park. Staff indicated that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

John Lenchak inquired about the funding source of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Renovations.

Staff noted that in November, the Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan will be updated to add other Town facilities, and invited Committee members to provide suggestions regarding items that could be included in the Plan.

Staff noted that the federal government is holding public consultations regarding federal accessibility legislation and that there will be a public consultation in Toronto at the beginning of 2017. The Committee expressed interest in the public consultation, and discussed the possibility of having a small-scale summit in Aurora and invite local MPs.

Tyler Barker suggested that the Committee reach out to Activate Aurora to encourage the inclusion of accessible activities in their mandate.

## 8. Adjournment

**Moved by John Lenchak**

**Seconded by James Hoyes**

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

**Carried**

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.