



**Accessibility
Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018
4 p.m.**

**Holland Room
Aurora Town Hall**

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**Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time and Location: 4 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

1. Approval of the Agenda

Recommended:

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018

Recommended:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 10, 2018, be received for information.

4. Delegations

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Round Table Discussion

Re: Leash-Free Dog Park (Canine Commons)

Recommended:

1. That the discussion and comments regarding Leash-Free Dog Park (Canine Commons) be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

2. Round Table Discussion

Re: National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) 2018

Recommended:

1. That the discussion and comments regarding National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) 2018 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

6. Informational Items

3. Verbal Update from Acting Accessibility Advisor

Re: Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream

Recommended:

1. That the verbal update from Acting Accessibility Advisor regarding Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream be received for information.

4. Memorandum from Acting Accessibility Advisor

Re: Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot from York Region

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot from York Region be received for information.

5. Correspondence from Penelope Wood, Program Coordinator, Housing Programs, York Region, dated December 14, 2017
Re: York Region Home Repair Program

Recommended:

1. That the correspondence regarding York Region Home Repair Program be received for information.

6. Extract from Council Meeting of December 12, 2017
Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2017

Recommended:

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of December 12, 2017, regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2017, be received for information.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment



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

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Time and Location: 4 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Tyler Barker (Chair), John Lenchak (Vice Chair), Gordon Barnes, James Hoyes, Jo-anne Spitzer, and Councillor John Abel

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Ivy Henriksen, Acting Accessibility Advisor, and Nicole Trudeau, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Gordon Barnes
Seconded by John Lenchak**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Receipt of the Minutes

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Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2017

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Gordon Barnes

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 6, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

**1. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
Re: Town of Aurora 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan**

The Committee discussed various aspects of the Accessibility Plan including the composition of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the criteria of the Inclusivity Award, previously the Accessibility Award, which is awarded at the Town's annual Community Recognition Awards.

Moved by Gordon Barnes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Town of Aurora 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That the 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan be approved; **and**
 - (b) **That the Accessibility Award be reinstated as a category of the Town's Community Recognition Awards, in addition to the Inclusivity Award, and awarded to an individual, group or business that has contributed to the elimination of barriers for people with disabilities in Aurora; and**

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- (c) **That the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be reviewed to increase the number of members; and**
- (d) **That staff develop a recruitment, public outreach and education strategy for the Accessibility Advisory Committee within three (3) months.**

Carried as amended

2. Round Table Discussion

Re: National Access Awareness Week 2018 – Aurora Accessibility Event

The Committee discussed various options for the Aurora Accessibility Event during National Access Awareness Week, including activities to highlight and celebrate the following four pillars: education, celebration, participation, and accomplishments.

The Committee requested that staff circulate the date, venue and draft work plan for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

Moved by James Hoyes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

- 1. That the comments and suggestions of the Committee regarding an Aurora Accessibility Event during National Access Awareness Week 2018 be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6. Informational Items

3. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor

Re: Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream

Staff provided an overview of the Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream, including the deadline, eligibility requirements and program guidelines.

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For local community transportation projects, the Committee discussed potential community organizations with transportation assets or resources to partner with to meet the eligibility requirements of the grant program.

As the deadline for submitting the full application is February 28, 2018, the Committee requested an update at the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by John Lenchak**

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Staff provided an overview of the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) being offered by York Region—a one-year pilot program to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents—which will run from April 2018 to March 2019, with applications being accepted by Access York starting on January 22, 2018. Staff noted that the information flyer circulated by York Region is posted at Access Aurora and will be included on the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

The Committee discussed barriers to accessible General Committee and Council meetings including the cancellation of Council meeting coverage on the Aurora Rogers TV community channel, the need for a barrier-free Council Chambers, and challenges with the audio/visual system in Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by John Lenchak**

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council.



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**Town of Aurora
Corporate Services**

Memorandum

Date: February 7, 2018
To: Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Ivy Henriksen, Acting Accessibility Advisor
Re: **Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot from York Region**

Recommendation

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot from York Region be received for information.**

Background

York Region is piloting a one-year Transit Assistance Program to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents who may qualify and are not currently receiving a subsidy via Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Programs.

The TAP program will provide eligible residents with the option to purchase a TAP pass for half the cost of a York Region Transit (YRT) adult monthly pass. The TAP pass is valid for unlimited travel on YRT and Mobility Plus Service for the calendar month and is loaded onto a PRESTO card.

Residents between the ages of 18 to 64 years old who agree to take part in surveys to evaluate the pilot and have an income at or below the limits listed below can apply.

Family Size	Income Limit
1 person	\$25,512
2 persons	\$36,079
3 persons	\$44,188
4 persons	\$51,024
5 persons	\$57,047

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Family Size	Income Limit
6 persons	\$62,491
7 persons	\$67,498

To apply for TAP, residents can call Access York at 1-877-464-9675. Telephone applications started on January 22, 2018, and a limited number of passes will be available. Residents will be asked to provide their 2016 Notice of Assessment, their most recent Canada Child Benefit Statement (if children under 18 living with them) and proof of their York Region residence (e.g., utility bill, driver's licence).

If accepted into the program, residents will receive an acceptance letter and PRESTO card (loaded with the TAP pass) in the mail, six to eight weeks after applying.

The pilot program will run from April 2018 to March 2019. For more information on the TAP pilot, contact Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – TAP Information Poster



Need help paying for transit? TAP can help!

York Region is piloting the one-year **Transit Assistance Program (TAP)** to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents who are not currently receiving a transit subsidy.

Eligible residents can purchase a TAP pass for half the cost of a YRT adult monthly pass.

The TAP pass is valid for unlimited travel on YRT services for the calendar month.

HOW TO APPLY:

- > Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675
- > Open Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- > TTY: 1-866-512-6228 or 905-895-4293
(for the deaf, deafened or hard of hearing)

WHEN TO APPLY:

- > Applications will be accepted starting January 22, 2018
- > The pilot program will run from April 2018 to March 2019
- > Space is limited

For more information visit yrt.ca/tap or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

AccessYork





Community and Health Services
Housing Services

December 14, 2017

Dear Community Partner,

Re: York Region Home Repair Program

We hope you will use the included post cards to make referrals to the Home Repair Program.

The Home Repair Program offers grants up to \$7,500 per year to a lifetime maximum of \$15,000, to low and moderate income homeowners in York Region needing accessible or critical repairs.

2017 Program Eligibility (regularly reviewed):

1. Home Value:
2. Household Income:
3. Home is in need of accessibility modifications and/or critical repairs

Detailed information is available at www.York.ca/homerepair

Please share with clients you may think are suitable for the program.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Penelope Wood".

Penelope Wood, Program Coordinator
Housing Programs



**Do you need repairs to make your
home safer or more
accessible?**

Get a grant with the
Home Repair Program
york.ca/homerepair



The Home Repair Program offers grants to low and moderate income homeowners who need modifications to make their homes more accessible or critical repairs to improve their home's safety.

Get help with:

- ✓ Ramp installations
- ✓ Handrail installations
- ✓ Bathtub conversions to walk-in showers
- ✓ Roofs
- ✓ Porch lifts and interior stair lifts
- ✓ Windows
- ✓ Grab bars
- ✓ Critical furnace repairs
- ✓ Raised toilets

See if you're eligible and apply
now at york.ca/homerepair

17-2479

Access York
1-877-464-9675





**Extract from
Council Meeting of
Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

5. Consent Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

C6. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2017

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2017, be received for information.

Carried