TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

MINUTES OF THE

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 10, 2021

Minutes of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee held on the 10th day of March 2021, at 6:33 p.m., virtually via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor J. Hurst, Chair; Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Vice Chair; C. Licznerski; D. Sebalj; K. Heffernan; M. Lowe (joined at 6:40 p.m.); J. Pearce, J. Bray, LD Mackenzie

STAFF PRESENT: R. Brown, Deputy Clerk; D. Locey, Transit Supervisor; N. Pal, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Ragunathan of Left Turn Right Turn Consulting; J. Hack and L. Cudmore of Sierra Planning Consultants

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Hurst, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

3. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.a Specialized Transit Plan

D. Locey, Transit Supervisor provided opening remarks and introduced Janany Ragunathan, Transit Innovator from LTRT (Left Turn Right Turn Ltd.) who made a presentation to the committee regarding the second phase of the Specialized Transit Plan.

The Specialized Transit Plan will provide medium to long-term recommendations aimed to increase efficiencies and enhance customer experience as well as support future growth in ridership.

J. Ragunathan provided an overview of the Specialized Transit Plan, reviewing the current services provided, the short term and long-term goals. There is a Public Information Centre scheduled for March 31, 2021 which will provide an overview of phase 2 of the plan, looking at 2 year and 10 year horizons for implementation of the recommendations and to get feedback from the public on the plan. The final report will be going to Council with a presentation in June 2021.

3.b Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Update - Overview and Consultation

N. Pal, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator provided opening remarks and introduced Jon Hack and Lindsey Cudmore from Sierra Planning Consultants, working on the Town of Halton Hills Community Improvement Plan (CIP) update.

J. Hack and L. Cudmore led the committee through an exercise to discuss the CIP program as it relates to Accessibility.

J. Hack and L. Cudmore asked the following questions to get the committees input to assist in their work:

1. At present how do you work with the Town's Building Department to review site plan applications? Any issues, concerns and/or opportunities?
2. What are the main accessibility issues and challenges in the Community Improvement Areas?
3. Are there any accessibility enhancements currently underway or planned in the Downtown or elsewhere?
4. Are there other Town planning initiatives that you have been involved with? What are the key issues emerging?
5. How can the Community Improvement Plan support the mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee?

The committee provided responses to the questions to assist the consultants in incorporating accessibility into the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) update.

3.c National AccessAbility Week (May 31, 2021 - June 4, 2021)

R. Brown will reach out to communications staff to see if National AccessAbility Week can be promoted on the Town's social media channels and will touch base with her counterparts from the other Halton Region municipalities to determine if a bigger project can be pursued in 2022.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

NIL

5. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.