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Minutes of the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, March 30, 2000.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee met on Thursday, March 30, 2000, in Meeting Room 2, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, commencing at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Bill Goursky
Mr. Paul Kitcher
Mr. Frank Prospero
Mr. David Skene
Ms. Karen Srbely

Staff Present:

Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division
Ms. Helen Bulat, Planning Section, Urban Development Services
Ms. Mary Casini, Committee Secretary, Clerk's Division
Mr. Franco Lora, Economic Development Culture and Tourism
Ms. Cynthia Vaz, Committee Secretary, Clerk's Division

Mr. Frank Prospero in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Srbely, seconded by Mr. Goursky, the Minutes of the meeting of the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee held on February 24, 2000, were confirmed.

3.1 2000 Strategic Goals and Objectives.

(Deferred)

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee again had before it a communication (undated) from Mr. Franco Lora, Project Coordinator, Policy Development, Economic Development Culture and Tourism, submitting, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on November 25, 1999, a list of goals and objectives for the year 2000.

On motion by Ms. Srbely, seconded by Mr. Kitcher, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned communication to its next meeting scheduled to be held on April 27, 2000.

(Sent to: Mr. Franco Lora, Project Coordinator, Policy Development, Economic Development Culture and Tourism; c. Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division – April 12, 2000)

3.2 Audio Traffic Signals in Toronto.

(Deferred)

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (March 10, 2000) from Mr. Paul Kitcher, Member, providing details concerning audio traffic signals in Toronto; advising that since the fall of 1999 he has been making enquiries respecting the installation of audio traffic signals; that approximately 10 audio traffic signals were being installed in various locations on a yearly basis, with 150 requests pending; that the signals had a cookoo bird sound in one direction and a chirping bird in the other direction; further advising that he had questions concerning the use of bird sounds; that it would be interesting to know if any budget exists to retro-fit existing lights in the City of Toronto; and that Ms. Rhona Swarbrick is planning to attend the next meeting.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the aforementioned communication to its next meeting scheduled to be held on April 27, 2000; and

- (2) requested the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to submit a report to the Committee for consideration at the

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aforementioned meeting on audible traffic signals and in particular installation and time lines; public consultation process; and the function of the signals.

(Sent to: Mr. Paul Kitcher, Member; General Manager, Transportation Services Division; c. Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division – April 11, 2000)

3.3 Accessible Transit Services Plan 1998 – 2002.

(Deferred)

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (March 23, 2000) from Mr. Glenn Johnston, Senior Planner, Service Accessibility, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), responding to a request by the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee at its meeting held on February 24, 2000, respecting the actions being taken to improve accessibility to TTC's conventional transit services and increase the quantity and quality of Wheel-Trans service; attaching, for the information of the Committee, a report, entitled "Accessible Transit Services Plan 1998 – 2002"; and advising that Members of the Committee may make a deputation to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation, if they so wish.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned communication to its next meeting scheduled to be held on April 27, 2000.

(Sent to: Mr. Glenn Johnston, Senior Planner, Service Accessibility, Toronto Transit Commission; c. Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division – April 12, 2000)

3.4 City of Toronto Community Advisory Committees.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (March 27, 2000) from Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, forwarding an announcement respecting membership on the following five city-wide community advisory committees:

- Aboriginal Affairs Committee;
- Disability Issues Committee;
- Status of Women Committee;

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- Race and Ethnic Relations Committee; and
- Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual and Transgendered Issues.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee received the aforementioned communication.

3.5 Seminar on Building the New City of Toronto: Reflections on Civic Engagement.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (March 26, 2000) from Councillor David Miller, High Park-Parkdale, inviting Members to the second seminar in the five-part seminar series, Building the New City of Toronto: Reflections on Civic Engagement, entitled "Active People: Active Democracy", on April 18, 2000, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee received the aforementioned communication.

3.6 Establishment of Issue Based Working Groups.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (February 23, 2000) addressed to the Mayor and Members of Council from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled "Implementation of Community Access and Equity Task Force Recommendations Regarding Community Advisory Structures", wherein he outlines the recommendations of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity, including the establishment of Issue Based Working Groups.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee requested Mr. Bill Goursky, Member, to forward a communication, containing detailed background information, to the Etobicoke Community Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on May 3, 2000, and requesting that this be a deputation item.

(Sent to: Mr. Bill Goursky, Community Social Development, Council of Toronto; c. Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division – April 11, 2000)

3.7 Reimbursement of Automobile Expenses and Record of Attendance.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 2000) from Mr. David Skene, Member, respecting the reimbursement of

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automobile expenses for committee and sub-committee meetings, including such things as parking, gas, and wear and tear on automobiles.

The Committee also had before it a form submitted Mr. Bill Goursky, entitled "Record of Attendance", currently used by an organization with whom he is affiliated.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Ms. Srbely the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned communication, noting that the matter of the reimbursement of expenses will be addressed in the terms of reference for the proposed Issue Based Working Groups;
- (2) suggested that Members contact Ms. Rose Borrows, Executive Assistant to Councillor Elizabeth Brown, to request free parking at City Hall and Metro Hall when attending committee and sub-committee meetings; and
- (3) referred the aforementioned record of attendance form to Ms. Lorene Bodiam with a request that she submit an adapted version, for use by the Committee to calculate the number of volunteer hours, for consideration at its next meeting scheduled to be held on April 27, 2000.

(Sent to: Mr. David Skene; Mr. Bill Goursky; Ms. Rose Borrows; Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division; Ms. Rose Borrows – April 12, 2000)

3.8 Purchase of a Telephone to be Used as a Conference Telephone for Meetings.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee discussed a request from Ms. Lorene Bodiam respecting the purchase, by the Committee, of a telephone to be used during meetings to facilitate conference calls with Members who are unable to be present,

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noting that the current Council Procedural By-law does not provide for Members to be counted in the quorum.

On motion by Mr. Goursky, seconded by Mr. Skene, the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee requested Ms. Bodiam to proceed with the purchase of a telephone from the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee account.

(Sent to: Ms. Lorene Bodiam, Adapted and Integrated Services, Parks and Recreation Division – April 12, 2000)

3.9 Chair's Annual Barbecue.

The Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee was advised by Ms. Lorene Bodiam that Mr. Bill Alexander, Chair, would be holding his Annual Barbecue on June 22, 2000, therefore the regular meeting of the Committee scheduled for that date, is cancelled.

The meeting of the Etobicoke Barrier Free Accessibility Committee adjourned at 6:20 p.m.