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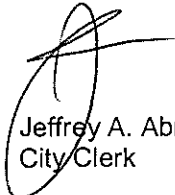
Meenu Sikand, Chair
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Sikand:

**RE: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST TO REVIEW COMMERCIAL, RETAIL
AND LIVE/WORK SITE PLANS**

Attached for your information is **Item 26, Report No. 39**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of October 30, 2012.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

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**26 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST TO REVIEW COMMERCIAL, RETAIL
AND LIVE/WORK SITE PLANS**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the following be approved in accordance with Communication C8, from the Commissioner of Planning, dated October 11, 2012:
 1. THAT the recommendation of the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting of September 11, 2012, be revised to read as follows:

“That Council direct Planning Staff to provide the Accessibility Advisory Committee with an Accessibility Design Standards Checklist for review at a future meeting of the Committee”; and

“That Building Standards Staff provide the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee with a copy of Section 3.8 of the Ontario Building Code titled ‘Barrier Free Design’.”
- 2) That the report of the City Clerk, dated October 16, 2012, be received.

Recommendation

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, forwards the following recommendation from its meeting of September 11, 2012:

- 1) That Council direct relevant Planning and Building Standards staff to provide the Accessibility Advisory Committee with an Accessibility Design Standards Checklist for review at a future meeting of the Committee.

Contribution to Sustainability

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to Council to support the City's work in identifying and removing barriers to lay the foundation for a barrier-free, inclusive community.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

Council's decision in this matter will be communicated to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward for Council's consideration the request made by the Accessibility Advisory Committee that Council direct relevant Planning and Building Standards staff to provide the Committee with an Accessibility Standards Checklist for review at a future Committee meeting.

Background - Analysis and Options

On March 27, 2012, the Accessibility Advisory Committee made a request to Council that all commercial, retail and live/work site plans be forwarded to them for their review.

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The Director of Development Planning made a presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 11, 2012, on the implications of the Committee's request and the relevant provisions of the *Planning Act* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA). Recommended alternative options to ensure any proposed changes to the site plan review process are done in a timely manner that maintains the department's current levels of service, were presented.

The option which is now the recommendation set out in this report was deemed most favourable by the Committee.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the strategic priorities set out in Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular:

SERVICE EXCELLENCE: Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee requesting that Council direct relevant Planning and Building Standards staff to provide the Committee with an Accessibility Standards Checklist for review at a future Committee meeting, is being forwarded for Council's consideration.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

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