



Hamilton

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REPORT 18-004

4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: A. Mallet (Chair)
P. Cameron, J. Cardno, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, A. Nicolls, K. Nolan, T. Nolan, M. Sinclair, B. Semkow

**Absent
with regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – City Business, P. Lynes, P. Kilburn and T. Wallis

Also Present: Staff Sergeant J. Savoie

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 18-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Resignation – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 11.4)**
 - (a) That the letter of resignation from Sylvia Soto from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received; and
 - (b) That the membership number of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be adjusted accordingly to obtain quorum.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised the Committee of the following changes to the agenda:

1. DISCUSSION ITEM

- 8.1 Project Proposals from the ACPD to CityLAB

2. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

11.4 Resignation – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 11.4)

11.5 Update respecting Review of Snow and Ice By-law No. 03-296

3. ITEM WITHDRAWN

11.3 GTHA Paratransit Group

The item has been withdrawn because the GHTA Paratransit Group is a working group made up of staff working in transit, and not open to citizens.

The agenda for the April 10, 2018 meeting of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) March 13, 2018 (Item 3.1)

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – February 6, 2018 (Item 5.1)

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of February 6, 2018 were received.

(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 5.2)

No report.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 5.3)

No report.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update – February 27, 2018 (Item 5.4)

The Transportation Working Group Notes of February 27, 2018, were received.

(v) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Update (Item 5.6)

No report.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)

(i) Project Proposals from the ACPD to CityLAB (Added Item 8.1)

Staff were directed to forward the following project proposals from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to CityLab for their consideration:

1. From the Transportation Working Group - a project to fully investigate the positives and negatives of converting accessible transportation services (DARTS) to on-demand taxis.
2. From the Built Environment Working Group - an education video regarding Audible Pedestrian Signals
3. From the Built Environment Working Group - an accessible washroom inventory of City owned facilities (also on the Outstanding Business List)

Tim Nolan, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will be considered by CityLab as a liaison for the Project Proposals to CityLab.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Access & Equity Transition to Human Resources Follow-up (Item 11.1)

Jessica Bowen, Human Rights Specialist, addressed the Committee, and asked that members provide her with a list of three items that they would like to have reinstated since the departure of the former staff liaison from Access and Equity.

Staff were directed to reinstate the following items to each Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

- Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton Update
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Update

Staff were directed to include the following General Information Item to each Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, when appropriate:

- Council Follow-up for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, including status of motions from the committee

Staff were directed to investigate the feasibility and criteria for hiring a note-taker for the working groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

(ii) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton Update (Item 11.2)

Jessica Bowen, Human Resources Specialist, addressed the Committee with the following updates respecting the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*:

- Obstruction of sidewalks
- School removing accessible parking spot
- Accessibility concerns at Centre Mall
- Locked washrooms for DARTS drivers

(iii) Review of Snow and Ice By-law No. 03-296 (Added Item 11.5)

Appropriate staff were invited to come to a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the Snow and Ice By-law No. 03-296 By-law; and

A copy of the current Snow and Ice By-law No. 03-296 will be distributed to members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for review and discussion with staff.

(v) New Terminology for Guide Dogs (Added Item 11.6)

Staff were directed to investigate the feasibility of a presentation from an appropriate organization to discuss new terminology used for describing guide dogs.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons
with Disabilities

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