



Hamilton

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Report 18-009

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent
with regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – City Business, P. Kilburn, A. Mallet, Staff Sergeant J. Savoie

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 18-009 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Accessibility Review of City Hall Outstanding Items (Item 5.1)

WHEREAS, Members of the Built Environment Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities conducted an Accessibility Review in 2016;

WHEREAS, Staff responded to several of the items presented by the committee after the review; and

WHEREAS, there were a few outstanding items that Committee members identified as needing to be addressed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following accessibility improvements be made at City Hall:

- (a) push locks in the accessible washrooms at City Hall. The current locking mechanism requires a person to have the strength and dexterity to physically turn the lock to ensure privacy. In addition, the door and locking mechanism are not in alignment with the bathroom wall requiring the individual to position themselves, reach and lean forward to secure the lock such that it places them in a precarious position and at risk of falling;
- (b) installation of a tactile (warning) strip at the top of the second-floor stairs at City Hall;
- (c) Inclusion of decals with a higher colour contrast on all glass doors at City Hall; and
- (d) Reflective tape on the railing from Main Street into the City Hall Forecourt

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

4.1 John LaBerge, respecting DARTS (for today's meeting)

2. ADDED STAFF PRESENTATION

7.1 Housing Services Division Staff Update to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (no copy) (Added Item 7.1)

3. ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION

11.3 Information respecting the Creating Accessible Public Spaces Workshop

11.4 Alternate Dates for the October 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (no copy)

The agenda for the September 11, 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) August 14, 2018

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)

(i) John LaBerge, respecting DARTS (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.1)

The delegation from John LaBerge, respecting DARTS, was approved, for today's meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 5.1)

Committee members reviewed the Built Environment Working Group notes from February 2, 2016 which included an accessibility review of City Hall. After the review, staff responded to several of the items presented by the committee however there were a few outstanding items that Committee members identified as needing to be addressed.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1

(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – July 17, 2018 (Item 5.2)

The Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of July 17, 2018, were received.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 5.3)

No report.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 5.4)

No report.

(v) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Update (Item 5.5)

No report.

(f) DELEGATION (Item 6)

- (i)** John LaBerge addressed the Committee respecting DARTS, with the aid of speaking notes. A copy of the speaking notes have been included in the official record, and is available at www.hamilton.ca.

The delegation from John LaBerge, respecting DARTS, was received.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 7)

(i) Housing Services Division Staff Update to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 7.1)

Kirsten Maxwell, Manager, Investment in Affordable Housing, and Greg Witt, Policy and Program Specialist, addressed the Committee with a response to the request from a delegation that appeared before the Emergency & Community Services (E&CS) Committee on January 22, 2018, where three questions/issues to Housing Services Division staff were put forward, requesting information on:

- People finding few or no accessible housing options upon discharge from a hospital or rehabilitation facility;
- Persons with disabilities coming to study in post-secondary schools having limited to no accessible housing options; and,
- Suggesting what accessible housing options could be expanded for persons with disabilities.

A report respecting these issues will be coming to a future Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting.

The Housing Services Division Staff Update to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was received.

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

(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton Update (Item 11.1)

No update.

(iii) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Update (Item 11.2)

No update.

(iv) Information respecting the Creating Accessible Public Spaces Workshop (Added Item 11.3)

The information respecting the Creating Accessible Public Spaces Workshop, was received.

(v) Alternate Dates for the October 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (no copy) (Added Item 11.4)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will meet on Friday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m., in Rooms 192 and 193.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

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

Respectfully submitted,

T. Nolan, Acting Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons
with Disabilities

Loren Kolar
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Office of the City Clerk