



Hamilton

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Report 18-007

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

**Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

**Absent
with regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – City Business

Also Present: Staff Sergeant J. Savoie

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 18-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Proposed Roundtable Discussion (Item 5.5(b))**
 - (a) That a Roundtable Discussion event with Service Providers to discuss how the City of Hamilton can assist persons with disabilities when they are stranded or in an emergency situation, be approved; and
 - (b) That the draft letter of invitation to the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Proposed Roundtable, attached hereto as Appendix A, be approved.

2. Continuity of Working Groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities during the Municipal Election period in 2018 (Item 11.5)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, and its Working Groups, continue to meet during the Municipal Election period in 2018.

3. Possible Delegation to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee meeting on July 17, 2018 (Item 11.7)

(a) That a delegation to Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee meeting on July 17, 2018, be approved; and

(b) That the delegation consist of A. Mallet, and T. Wallis.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. ITEM WITHDRAWN

11.3 Ontario Business Improvement Areas Advisory Association (BIAA) Accessibility Workshop

The representative of the Barton Village BIA IS not able to attend to speak to the item at today's meeting. The Committee will be advised if the Barton Village BIA hold an accessibility workshop.

The Clerk advised that there is an error on the agenda facepage in the name of the Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Working Group. The correct name is the Wheelchair and Scooter **Safety** Working Group.

The agenda for the July 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) June 12, 2018 (Item 3.1)

The minutes of the June 12, 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 – May 1, 2018 (Item 5.1)

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of May 1, 2018 were received.

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

M. Sinclair advised the Committee that the Housing Guide has been referred back to staff after being presented at the General Issues Committee meeting on July 9, 2018.

The Housing Issues Working Group Update was received.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 5.3)

No report.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 5.4)

(1) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - May 22, 2018 (Item 5.4 (a))

The Transportation Working Group Notes of May 22, 2018, were received.

(2) Review of the Government-Appointed Transportation Standards Development Committee for Improvements to Ontario's 2011 Transportation Accessibility Standard (Item 5.4(b))

The information respecting a Review of the Government-Appointed Transportation Standards Development Committee for Improvements to Ontario's 2011 Transportation Accessibility Standard, was received.

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

(1) Draft Proposal from DARTS respecting Stranded Wheelchairs (Item 5.5(a))

The Draft Proposal from DARTS respecting Stranded Wheelchairs was referred to the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group with a report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

(2) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Proposed Roundtable Discussion (Item 5.5(b))

A. Mallet relinquished the Chair to address the Committee respecting a Proposed Roundtable Discussion by the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group. Comments included, but were not limited to the following:

Identified goal:

- Collaboratively develop community practice/procedure to ensure the safety of persons using wheelchairs or scooters
- In an urgent situation, mobility device delivered or repaired in an appropriate timeframe
- Access transportation 24/7
- Assistance if trapped with no option to circumvent without assistance
- Unable to continue activities of daily living due to wheelchair/scooter breakdown

Identified issues:

- Ambulances not equipped to transport wheelchairs or scooters
- DARTS, Vets and HSR drivers not allowed to push a power chair/scooter due to safety issues
- 24/7 wheelchair transportation not currently available in Hamilton
- Financial inability of individuals to pay for urgent/emergency service

This second event has been organized in an effort to discuss second-level solutions , so that we may better advise Council on how the City can improve the quality of life for persons with disability when they are in an urgent situation.

The information respecting the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Proposed Roundtable Discussion, was received.

For further disposition, refer to Item 1.

(vi) For the information of Committee: Financial Incentives for Taxi Operators to Provide Accessible Taxicab Trips (PED18082) (Item 5.6)

Dawn Johnson, Manager, Licensing and Tiffany Gardner, Project Manager, Licensing, addressed the Committee with an update respecting Financial Incentives for Taxi Operators to Provide Accessible Taxicab Trips (PED18082). The report was referred to the Committee for their information. This is a pilot project, and will report back to the 2019 Budget Process. Staff will oversee the audit process of the financial incentives. Staff will consult with the ACPD as the pilot project progresses, to gather feedback on the success of the project.

Staff have advised that discussion with DARTS and Accessible Taxicab Trips are outside the capacity of Licensing.

The information respecting Financial Incentives for Taxi Operators to Provide Accessible Taxicab Trips (PED18082), was received.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Anthony Volpe, Hamilton Police Services, respecting De-escalation Techniques Used During Mental Health Incidents (Item 6.1)

Anthony Volpe, Hamilton Police Services, addressed the Committee respecting De-escalation Techniques Used During Mental Health Incidents.

The delegation from Anthony Volpe, Hamilton Police Services, respecting De-escalation Techniques Used During Mental Health Incidents, was received.

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

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

No update.

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

No update.

(iii) Ontario Business Improvement Areas Advisory Association (BIAA) Accessibility Workshop (Item 11.3)

Item withdrawn.

(iv) Accessible Pedestrian Signal Locations (Item 11.4)

The matter respecting the Accessible Pedestrian Signal Locations was deferred to the August 14, 2018 meeting due to time constraints.

(v) Suggestions for Recruitment to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2018-2022 term (Item 11.6)

The matter respecting the Suggestions for Recruitment to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2018-2022 term was deferred to the August 14, 2018 meeting due to time constraints.

(g) 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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