



City of Hamilton
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 19-006
Date: July 9, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Room 192 and 193, City Hall
71 Main Street West

Alicia Davenport, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

*9.1 Adaptive Bike Share

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Establishment of Working Group Memberships (deferred from the June 11, 2019 meeting) (no copy)

*10.1.f Disability and Environmental Justice Working Group

*10.1.g Community Safety Working Group

*10.5 Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video (no copy)

Adaptive Bike Share

— Creating more mobility options —

Who We Are

Chelsea Cox -

Executive Director of Hamilton Bike Share Inc, the not for profit that hosts the **Everyone Rides Initiative**



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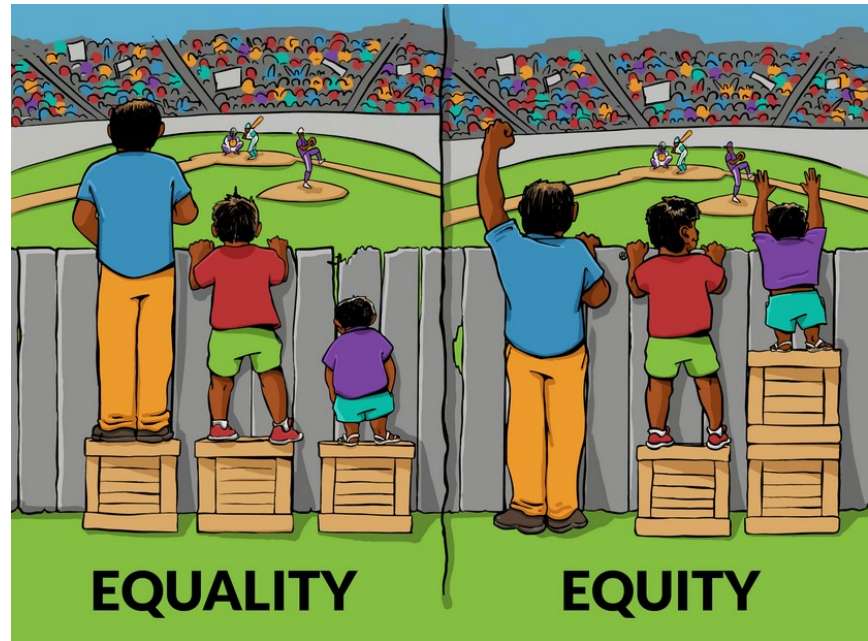
Program Manager of Sustainable Mobility Programs + Bike Share for the **City of Hamilton**



Everyone Rides Initiative

Bike share and cycling equity program that removes barriers to people accessing bikes in Hamilton.

- Subsidized access
- Workshops, training, education
- Group rides
- Adaptive bike share



Adaptive Bike Share - Everyone Rides Initiative

- Adaptive bike share = shared options for people with different abilities and bike needs.
- Bike types we are currently purchasing and/or investigating: trikes, ebikes (pedal assist), cargo bikes
- Who benefits: people who need more options than just the existing SoBi product - a much broader catchment.
 - Older adults
 - People with balance and mobility issues
 - People carrying cargo

Current Adaptive Bike Share Options

- 5 trikes over 3 years (via Trillium funding)
- Includes managing access, ongoing maintenance, using them for skill-building workshops and group rides
- Working with partnering orgs
- Investigating different bike types and placement

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/trike-bike-share-hamilton-1.5185359>

'I'm a cyclist': SoBi adds trike to help people enjoy the freedom of biking



Phil Beauchamp said riding the trike was easy and fun

[Dan Taekema](#) · CBC News · Posted: Jun 22, 2019 6:01 AM ET | Last Updated: June 22



Phil Beauchamp tries out the new trike from the Everyone Rides Initiative during a picnic at Gage Park Friday. (Dan Taekema/CBC)

City Adaptive Bike Share Pilot

- Sustainable Mobility team is working on a report to Council to establish an adaptive bike share pilot in partnership with Everyone Rides
- Pilot would include 10 adaptive bikes anchored around Gage Park and the Waterfront in the first phase of the pilot
- Users can access the bikes with sign up and account
- Collaboration from Public Health (Sharon MacKinnon) and the Everyone Rides Initiative and other partners
- Data will be collected to understand how the bikes are used, popular locations and how many people used them

Engage Stakeholders

- Needs: bike types, uses
- Placement: accessible locations where the bikes can be utilized, including parks, recreational trails, and more
- Create survey and have more meetings to gather feedback: is there anything missing at this stage? Thoughts and ideas?
- We are seeking input on:
 - bike types
 - locations
 - uses (daily commutes, recreational, errands, etc)
 - cost to users

Next Steps

- Follow up from our team
- Report to Council - October 3rd
- Further collaboration and engagement with partners
- Secure funding for implementation

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Added Item 10.1.f

Proposal for the establishment of a working group to focus on disability justice in our climate emergency.

What does Disability Justice look like in the face of our climate crisis?

Here's what we know:

- Citizens and organizations successfully advocated to the city to declare a climate emergency. The City of Hamilton has recognized that we are in a climate emergency that will have massive financial, health, and environmental impacts, and in many ways already is.
- We are already experiencing more extreme weather events, flooding, and negative health impacts as a result of the climate crisis, these promise only to worsen.
- We must act radically and quickly to mitigate the worst of this crisis but even in the friendliest predictions adaption to our new more volatile climate will be necessary
- Disabled people and people with disabilities will in many ways be uniquely impacted, more severely impacted, and frequently among some of the first people significantly impacted because of sensitivities and health conditions, isolation, marginalization, and ableism.
- Disabled people and people with disabilities will not only be disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis but the climate crisis will cause or contribute to acquiring disability and/or health conditions (one example being poor air quality causing respiratory issues and/or cancers)
- Disabled people and people with disabilities already have knowledge that is valuable to adapting to the climate crisis (staying cool in the heat – especially with few resources, emergency preparedness, adapting to poor air quality, etc.).

What does a solution look like?

- Beyond necessary and unfortunately lacking mitigation efforts successful adaption to the climate crisis that includes a focus on disability justice would
 - o Recognize celebrate, compensate, encourage and share the contributions and knowledge disabled people and people with disabilities already possess.
 - o Centre those most marginalized and explore how adaption initiatives can not only be preparatory but act to reduce inequality in their creation and implementation.
 - o Solidarity with other marginalized groups in their struggles for justice especially indigenous land and water protectors who have been doing much of this work for generations at great personal and collective cost.
 - o Hold those responsible for creating this crisis accountable (financially, technologically, politically, and legally) in providing/funding solutions.
 - o Prioritize collective action over individual action (i.e. plastic straws which are a lifesaving accessibility technology have come under fire recently in efforts to reduce single use plastics, instead of creating additional barriers for people how could we as a City better address the issue of single use plastics holistically)

What I am proposing:

- The ACPD creates a new working group that specifically focuses on disability justice in the context of a changing climate and our climate crisis. The goal would be to explore concerns like:
 - o Extreme weather events and impacts to mobility in the city;
 - o Emergency procedures (evacuation, extreme weather events, emergency communications etc.);
 - o Temperature Equity - heat islands/street trees/access to cooled spaces/ and health concerns relating to extreme hot and cold;
 - o Pollution/toxins and acquired disability and health concerns;
 and ideally push the city into proactive and important action.

Further Reading:

- Declaration of Climate Emergency: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/climate-change-1.5061326> and <https://www.raisethehammer.org/article/3633/hamilton-declares-climate-emergency>
- Heat Kills: <http://projects.thestar.com/climate-change-canada/quebec/>
- Toxins and acquired conditions: <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9398464-mcgill-university-study-finds-hamilton-has-higher-than-average-rates-of-leukemia/> and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2669065/>
- Inequity kills: <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/6140009-researchers-link-poverty-and-shorter-life-expectancy/>
- Climate crisis unique impact on disability: <https://blog.ucsusa.org/guest-commentary/climate-adaptation-adaptive-climate-justice-and-people-with-disabilities>

Added Item 10.1.g

Description/Rationale for a Community Safety Working Group:

- The City of Hamilton frequently has one of the highest reported rates of hate crimes;
- Weekly rallies at City Hall and the events preceding, at, and following Hamilton Pride have resulted in discussion regarding hate and hate crimes by Hamilton City Council;
- The alleged presence of a Hamilton Police Services officer from the Hate Crimes and Extremism Unit at a community meeting held by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee has resulted in increased mistrust and feeling unsafe amount members of marginalized communities;
- The City of Hamilton has proposed a Hate Incidence Prevention Policy, that amping many things increases surveillance for actions on city grounds

All of this to say how to respond to “hate” and fascism is becoming and increasingly prevalent conversation at Hamilton City council. While our primary function is to advise on accessibility, aspects of our mandate require to consider the well being and needs of disability community issues. Given that marginalized communities are the most impacted by these conversations we should be at the table.

I am proposing a working group to look at community safety so members of this committee and public members who wish to attend may have an avenue to address concerns in regards to safety.