



**City of Hamilton**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 19-008  
**Date:** September 10, 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

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**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

7.4 Transportation Working Group Update

\*7.4.a Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - August 27, 2019

7.7 Community Safety Working Group Update

\*7.7.a Community Safety Working Group Meeting Notes - September 3, 2019

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

\*10.1 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

\*12.1 Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

\*12.2 Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit

\*12.3 Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update

\*12.4 Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares

\*12.5 Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

\*13.1 Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities  
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# Added Item 7.4(a)

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

### Transportation Working Group

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Room 193, City Hall

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Shahan Aaron (Chair), Mark McNeil (Vice Chair)

#### **Also Present:**

Jayne Cardno

#### **Regrets/Absent:**

Anthony Frisina, Aznive Mallet, Kim Nolan, Tim Murphy, Tim Nolan

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#### **MEETING NOTES:**

Pursuant to Section 5.4(1) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law 18-270, quorum was not achieved. Those in attendance decided to continue the meeting during the absence of quorum to consider the items that did not require quorum, with no decisions being made at this time.

- 1. Welcome & Introduction / Approval of Agenda** - Due to lack of quorum, the Committee proceeded without the approval of the agenda.

## **2. Review of Meeting Notes – July 30<sup>th</sup> – Distributed to members for review via email**

### **3. Discussions:**

- Email Jessica Bowen:
  - For food and coffee as the Transportation Working Group is going to meet regularly. Also, food and drinks for all working groups considering dietary restrictions, include vegetarian option.
  - Information on upcoming conferences
- The remaining \$4,000 from the budget needs to be spent before the end of the fiscal year. If not spent, getting the \$6,100 budget for next year won't be possible. ACPD's budget is at the end of the process of budgeting by City of Hamilton and Councillors. In the past HR of City Hall paid of the food from their budget.
- Field trip:
  - Draft a Motion for ACPD to take a field trip of neighbouring cities. This should include the other working groups, such as, Housing Issues Working Group, Built Environment Working Group, Emergency Device Breakdown.
  - The motion needs to be sent to ACPD first. Once passed, it can be forwarded to Council
  - Field Trip to Kitchener to compare their LRT with Hamilton's

- Peel Region has advance pay which reduces late cancellations
  - An Advance Pay system might reduce cancellations
- Inisvil uses a flat rate for accessible van and Uber ride for \$8.00
  - Similar system could be used in Hamilton matched by geography
- Parent with HSR Support Person Pass had to pay for DARTS. Why?
  - Information about DARTS Support Person was provided by Paula

#### **4. Prioritized Action Items**

- Education
  - Seat Belt
  - Ramp
  - Mobility Devices
  - Payment Plans: Presto, Tickets, etc.
  - Safety
  - Driver Training
  - AODA Online Training
  - Better Communication
  - Education and communication for drivers and dispatchers
- Dignity and respect
- Hubs + Joined Up
  - DARTS, Taxi, LRT, Cycles, Accessible Cycles, Smart Commute (Ride Share), Go Transit, Accessible Zip Cars.

- Seamless Transfers and plans
- LRT accessibility, streetscape and timeframe
- Tracking Progress
  - Definitive solutions and tracking
  - Better organization
  - Review Policies (Priority)\*
  - \$5.00 incentive (also part of Education). Invite Dawn
- Accomplishments
  - Our Asks
  - On HSR
    - Decals
    - Colour Codes

## **5. Other Business**

- Ask HSR to come to the Transportation Working Group
  - Dennis Guy to be contacted to come to Transportation Working Group
  - Terri Wallace to be invited for discussion
- Get these documents
  - Multi-Year Plan
  - David Onley Report
  - Report or minutes from the Emergency Mobility Devices (Emergency Breakdown)
- Service animal policies for DARTS, HSR and other modes of transportation.
- Ask Mark Mindorff from DARTS to attend Transportation Working Group to speak about advance pay

- Dawn Johnson from Taxi Licensing to be invited to Transportation Working Group
- Outstanding business list plus what being done and what's being accomplished

## **6. Adjournment**

## **Added Item 7.7(a)**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

#### **Community Safety Working Group**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hamilton Public Library – Central Branch

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Shahan Aaron, Alex Wilson

#### **Regrets/Absent:**

Sophie Geffros, Corbin McBride

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#### **Administrative notes:**

- Working group to meet at 6pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Hamilton Public Library Central Branch
- Concerns within the working group regarding communication with each other. Members present willing to explore different methods of communication (texting, Facebook, google drive etc.) in addition to email to resolve any potential concerns

#### **Committee Scope:**

- Community Safety
  - Community to the disability community



- Safety being the ability to be free, independent and participate fully without fearing or experiencing any kind of harm
- What types of safety concerns did members flag
  - Transit: when scooters or power chairs die it can be difficult or impossible to load them onto the HSR or DARTS, instances where seatbelts are not properly secured when using transit or secured at all, hostility from other passengers
    - Many of these instances fall under existing policies or working groups but could be discussed as part of a larger conversation
  - Interacting with police: reports of detention in hot car with windows up  
([https://raisethehammer.org/article/3685/hamilton\\_failing\\_to\\_confront\\_rising\\_right-wing\\_extremism](https://raisethehammer.org/article/3685/hamilton_failing_to_confront_rising_right-wing_extremism)), unnecessary use of force, crisis response all considerations that uniquely impact people with disabilities safety particularly racialized people with disabilities
    - Communication differences only exacerbate concerns for d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing folks as well as non verbal communicators
  - Overdose deaths in institutions like Barton Jail (provincially run) but also in the broader community
  - HWDSB Kids Need Help reports site concerns of ableism and racism within school board policies, what potential impacts exist off school groups and in the communities with this age group
  - Winter snow removal and ice concerns
  - Construction resulting in inaccessible routes (Locke St reconstruction in 2018)
  - Presence of Benches and places to sit and/or lie down while out in community

- Hostile infrastructure such as benches with bars in the middle often further limit the usability of these benches and seating areas
- Concerns regarding sexual violence
- Biases and perceptions of dangerousness from city staff and officials that further ableism

**Workplan:**

- September: Continue to explore effective communication practices with working group members. Continue to explore barriers and safety concerns narrowing list. Reach out to other community members and groups to build partnerships and explore issues from an intersectional lens.
- October: Prepare for and plan a community feedback forum and/or survey to hear from community members regarding their experiences, concerns, and solutions.
- November: Host outreach activities and explore trends
- December: Report writing and presentation.

**Added Item 10.1**

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**2020**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**BUDGET SUBMISSION**

**Advisory Committee For People With Disabilities (ACPD)**

## **PART A: General Information**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Shahan Aaron	Elizabeth (Jayne) Cardno
Lance Dingman	Sophie Geffros
Aznive Mallett	John Hawker
Tim Murphy	Anthony Frisina
Tim Nolan	Kim Nolan
Corbin McBride	Mark McNeil
Mark McNeil	Alex Wilson

### **MANDATE:**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends to the City of Hamilton policies, procedures and guidelines that address the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities.

## **PART B: Strategic Planning**

### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

**Terms of Reference**

1. To advise Council annually about the preparation, implementation, and effectiveness of its accessibility plan required pursuant to the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and related regulations.
2. To provide advice and recommendations to City Council and staff with respect to the implementation of Provincial standards, and policies, procedures and guidelines that address the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities.
3. To ensure that the right of access for persons with disabilities to programs and services provided by the City is sustained, maintained, and/or improved in accordance with Provincial legislation, regulations and City standards.
4. To review and comment to Council and other levels of government on pertinent reports, proposed legislation and studies which affect all persons with disabilities, where appropriate.
5. To provide a forum where persons with disabilities and service representatives can express their concerns, share information and recommend improvements to the existing level of City services for persons with disabilities.
6. To educate and increase awareness of the City on issues which affect people with disabilities.
7. To support the work of the committee through sub-committees and working groups, as required, and specifically related to the Provincial standards, including Customer Service, Transportation, Employment, Built Environment, and Information and Communications.
8. To maintain knowledge of the work of the committee through attendance at meetings and review of agendas and supporting materials.
9. To regularly review the progress and measure the success of the committee and its activities.

**ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:**

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
<b>1) Community Engagement &amp; Participation</b>	X	<b>2) Economic Prosperity &amp; Growth</b>	X
<b>3) Healthy &amp; Safe Communities</b>	X	<b>4) Clean &amp; Green</b>	X
<b>5) Built Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b>	X	<b>6) Culture &amp; Diversity</b>	X
<b>7) Our People &amp; Performance</b>	X		

## PART C: Budget Request

### INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly Meetings Expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$300.00
Administrative Assistance (note-taking) for special meetings such as Roundtable.	
Refreshments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities \$1500.00</li> <li>• Built Environment Working Group \$750.00</li> <li>• Transportation Working Group \$850.00</li> <li>• Housing Working Group \$600.00</li> <li>• Outreach Working Group \$600.00</li> <li>• Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Committee</li> <li>• Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group</li> <li>• Community Safety Working Group</li> </ul>	\$4300.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>

### SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Conferences and related travel expenses	\$1500.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1500.00</b>

<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 6100.00</b>
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<b>Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)</b>	<b>\$ N/A</b>
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<b>TOTAL 2019 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)</b>	<b>\$ 6100.00</b>
<b>PREVIOUS YEAR (2018) APPROVED BUDGET (2018 Request \$ 6100.00)</b>	<b>\$ 6100.00</b>

**CERTIFICATION:**

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

**Representative's Name:**    **Aznive Mallett**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Telephone # :**

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# Added Item 12.1 CITY OF HAMILTON

## N O T I C E O F M O T I O N

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: Sept. 10, 2019**

**MOVED BY S. AARON.....**

**Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group believes that it would be beneficial for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to investigate the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in neighbouring municipalities like Kitchener;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved to travel to neighbouring municipalities in order to investigate and compare Light Rail Transit (LRT) systems, with the transportation costs to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities budget for conferences and related travel expenses, approved as Item (f)(iv) in General Issues Committee Report 18-022 (HUR18020) to an upset limit of \$500:
  - (i) To be determined
  - (ii) To be determined
  - (iii) To be determined
  - (iv) To be determined



**Added Item 12.2**  
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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: Sept. 10, 2019**

**MOVED BY S. AARON.....**

**Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Manager of Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manager of Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current implementation and use of accessible signage on City transit.

**Added Item 12.3**  
**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: Sept. 10, 2019**

**MOVED BY S. AARON.....**

**Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Manager of Licensing and By-law Services, or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manager of Licensing and By-law Services, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to provide an update on the accessible taxi cab incentive program.

**Added Item 12.4**  
**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: Sept. 10, 2019**

**MOVED BY S. AARON.....**

**Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss an advance/pre-pay system for fares.

**Added Item 12.5**  
**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: Sept. 10, 2019**

**MOVED BY S. AARON.....**

**Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of Terri Wallis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Terri Wallis be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current accessibility challenges of public transit in the City of Hamilton.