ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Report 19-007
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), J. Cardno (Vice-Chair), S. Aaron, L. Dingman, C. McBride, M. McNeil, T. Murphy, and A. Wilson

Absent with regrets: A. Frisina, S. Geffros, J. Hawker, K. Nolan, and T. Nolan

Also Present: J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 19-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. City of Hamilton's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (Item 7.2)

That the Director of Housing Services, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee

for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the City of Hamilton's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

2. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Representative on the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Item 7.2)

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to work more closely with the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Lance Dingman is a member of both the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Lance Dingman be approved to represent the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee on matters of mutual interest.

3. City of Hamilton's Emergency Plan (Item 7.6)

That Emergency Management Staff be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to present on the City of Hamilton's Emergency Plan.

4. Appointment to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Accessibility Advisory Committee (GTHA AAC) Representative (deferred from the July 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.2)

That Shahan Aaron, Jayne Cardno, and Mark McNeil be appointed as representatives to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Accessibility Advisory Committee (GTHA AAC) for the 2018-2022 Term of Council, or until such time as a successor has been appointed.

5. Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video (deferred from the July 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.4)

(a) That the following feedback from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, respecting the Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video, be forwarded to Transportation Operations & Maintenance Staff for consideration:

(i) Reduction of background traffic noise and music throughout the video to enhance the audibility of the speaker's voice;
(ii) Utilization of a professional voice over recording for narration, as opposed to having the speaker narrate directly in front of the camera;
(iii) Addition of closed captions to the video; and,
(iv) Addition of overlay text throughout the video to highlight important information.

(b) That Transportation Operations & Maintenance Staff be directed to work with the Built Environment Working Group to review the location, height, placement, and activation requirements (i.e. strength, reach, dexterity) of accessible pedestrian signal push-buttons throughout the City of Hamilton.

6. Membership Appointments to Working Groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, Item 2 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 19-006 established a Built Environment Working Group, a Housing Issues Working Group, an Outreach Working Group, a Transportation Working Group, a Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group, a Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group, and a Community Safety Working Group on a pilot basis for 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Built Environment Working Group:

(i) Anthony Frisina
(ii) Sophie Geffros
(iii) John Hawker
(iv) Jayne Cardno

(b) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Housing Issues Working Group:

(i) Lance Dingman
(ii) Sophie Geffros
(iii) John Hawker

(c) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Outreach Working Group:

(i) Anthony Frisina
(ii) Corbin McBride

(d) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Transportation Working Group:

(i) Shahan Aaron
(ii) Anthony Frisina
(iii) Mark McNeil
(iv) Tim Murphy
(v) Kim Nolan
(vi) Tim Nolan
(vii) Aznive Mallett

(e) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group:

(i) To be determined
(ii) To be determined

(f) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group:

(i) Anthony Frisina
(ii) Sophie Geffros
(iii) Corbin McBride
(iv) Alex Wilson

(g) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Community Safety Working Group:

(i) Shahan Aaron
(ii) Sophie Geffros
(iii) Corbin McBride

(iv) Alex Wilson

7. Increase in Citizen Membership of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is composed of a group of extremely passionate and active persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities formed seven Working Groups on a pilot basis for 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities anticipates the need for a larger membership to accommodate increased workload from a more fulsome project plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be amended to note their membership as 18 citizen members; and,

(b) That the Selection Committee be reconvened to recommend the appointment of five additional citizen members to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Increase in Citizen Membership of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

2. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

13.1 General Meeting Administration Practices

The agenda for the August 13, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) July 9, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 7.1)

T. Murphy indicated that the Built Environment Working Group meeting scheduled on August 6, 2019 was not held due to lack of quorum.

(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 7.2)

J. Cardno advised that the Housing Issues Working Group met on July 16, 2019. Discussion items included, but were not limited to, the following:

- The potential to merge the Housing Issues Working Group together with the Built Environment Working Group in future;
- The potential benefits to the Housing Issues Working Group to work more closely with the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee; and,
- Simplifying the application process for social housing in Hamilton.

For further disposition of this matter, see Items 1 and 2.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

No update.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of July 30, 2019 (Item 7.4(a)), were received.

WHEREAS, having the ability to quickly and easily share, view, and edit documents via an online workspace can greatly speed up work flow and allow real-time collaborative editing of documents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Diversity and Inclusion Staff be requested to investigate and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities on the feasibility of a document sharing portal or similar technology to serve as an online workspace and centralized document repository for Working Groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, enabling members to work on projects more effectively.

(v) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Update (Item 7.5)

No update.

(vi) Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group Update (Item 7.6)

A. Wilson indicated that he is actively working to establish a meeting schedule for the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group in consultation with the other Working Group Members.

For further disposition of this matter, see Item 3.

(vii) Community Safety Working Group Update (Item 7.7)

No update.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Budget (deferred from the July 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.1)

J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed the Committee respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Budget.

The 2019 budget for the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities was approved by Council on December 19, 2018 in the amount of $6,100, with $1,500 being allocated towards conferences and related travel expenses. As of July 2019, the available budget remaining is $4,478.

The 2020 budget submission process will likely commence in September/October 2019, so Committee members were asked to start thinking about their budget needs for 2020.

The verbal update from J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Budget, was received.

(ii) Notice of Ministry Training Webinar for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees (deferred from the July 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.3)

The Notice of Ministry Training Webinar for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees, was received.

(iii) Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video (deferred from the July 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.4)

During the 2014-2018 Term of Council, the Built Environment Working Group participated in the filming of a video respecting the proper use of Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

The video, respecting Accessible Pedestrian Signals, was shown to the Committee and can be accessed via the following link: https://youtu.be/0pVpO71bLGg

The video, respecting Accessible Pedestrian Signals, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, see Item 5.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Membership Appointments to Working Groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.1)

Recommendation (a)(iv) was amended by replacing Tim Murphy with Jayne Cardno, as follows:

(a) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be appointed to the Built Environment Working Group:

(i) Anthony Frisina
(ii) Sophie Geffros
(iii) John Hawker
(iv) Jayne Cardno

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Increase in Citizen Membership of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 12.1)

A. Mallett relinquished the Chair to J. Cardno.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting an Increase in Citizen Membership of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

A. Mallett reassumed the Chair.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) General Meeting Administration Practices (Added Item 13.1)

The Committee made several inquiries into general meeting administration practices.

The verbal responses from A. Davenport, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, respecting general meeting administration practices, were received.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk