



City of Hamilton

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Meeting #: 19-011
Date: December 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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 November 12, 2019
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 - 7.1 Built Environment Working Group Update
 - 7.1.a Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes - October 1, 2019

7.2 Housing Issues Working Group Update

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11. MOTIONS

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Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

Minutes 19-010

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), J. Cardno (Vice-Chair), S. Aaron, P. Cameron, M. Dent, L. Dingman, S. Geffros, J. Kemp, P. Kilburn, C. McBride, M. McNeil, and A. Wilson

Absent

with regrets: A. Frisina, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, K. Nolan, and T. Nolan

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Passing of John Hawker

(Kilburn/Cardno)

WHEREAS, John Hawker was a passionate member of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, John Hawker passed away on November 9, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Foundation's Tribute Tree Program provides an opportunity to commemorate the life of one who has passed away with a donation of \$125 to the Foundation's Tribute Trees;

WHEREAS, a donation to the Foundation's Tribute Trees is directed to their Planting Fund, which is used to plant native trees and shrubs in the Hamilton Watershed; and,

WHEREAS, the name of the individual being honoured with a donation to the Foundation's Tribute Trees will be recognized on signage in the Beckett Forest in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a sympathy card be sent to the late John Hawker's family and that a donation be made to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation's Tribute Tree Program, to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities reserve budget, to an upset limit of \$150.

CARRIED

2. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Chair's Meeting with Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Manager (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 13.7)

(Geffros/McNeil)

That the Chair and Vice-Chair of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities request a meeting with the Mayor,

Chief of Police, and the City Manager to discuss various concerns related to the Committee.

CARRIED

3. Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee (Added Item 13.8)

(Kemp/Kilburn)

That the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to attend one meeting of the Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee at the request of City staff.

CARRIED

4. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2019 Holiday Dinner (Added Item 13.9)

(McNeil/Kemp)

(a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities host a full Holiday dinner following the December 10, 2019 meeting; and,

CARRIED

(Kemp/Dent)

(b) That Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Members be allowed to invite 10 City staff members and 1 guest each (for a total of 44 attendees: 17 Committee members, 17 guests, and 10 City staff) to attend the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Holiday dinner, to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2019 approved budget for refreshments.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) Passing of John Hawker

The Committee observed a moment of silence for the late John Hawker.

For further disposition of this matter, see Item 1.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

Items 7.8, 9.1, and 10.1 were moved up on the agenda to be considered immediately following Item 4.2:

7. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

7.8 Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program
Update (no copy)

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

9.1 Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan 2020-2025
Consultation

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

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

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

13.8 Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee

13.9 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
2019 Holiday Dinner

(Dingman/Cameron)

That the agenda for the November 12, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) September 10, 2019 (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 4.1)

(McNeil/Kilburn)

(a) That the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be ***amended***, as follows:

(i) That recommendation (a) of Item 3 and Item (f) (i) be corrected to reflect the appropriate budget year, as follows:

(1) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with

Disabilities be approved to travel to neighbouring municipalities to investigate and compare Light Rail Transit (LRT) systems, with the transportation costs to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities ~~2018~~ **2019** approved budget for conferences and related travel expenses, to an upset limit of \$1,000;

(McNeil/Kilburn)

That the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(ii) October 8, 2019 (Item 4.2)

(Kemp/Dingman)

That the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received, as presented.

CARRIED

(Cameron/McNeil)

WHEREAS, quorum was not achieved at the October 8, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, those in attendance agreed to hear the delegations and staff presentation, with no decisions being made;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following delegations and staff presentation heard on October 8, 2019, be received:
- (i) Tiffany Kummer, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) / Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) Foundation, respecting Various Accessibility Concerns related to Bus Stops, Roads, Sidewalks, Parks, Schools, and Food Banks;
 - (ii) Leanne Mione, Contact Hamilton for Children and Developmental Services, respecting Housing and Transitions for People with Developmental Disabilities; and,
 - (iii) Sonia Mrva, Senior Curator of the Hamilton Civic Museums, respecting the Reimagine Our Museums Process and the Hamilton Civic Museum Strategy.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update (Item 7.8)

Ken Leendertse, Director, Licensing & By-law Services, and Monica Ciriello, Manager of Licensing, updated Committee respecting the Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program.

(Kilburn/Cameron)

That the verbal update, respecting the Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program, be received.

CARRIED

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

**(i) Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan 2020-2025
Consultation (Item 9.1)**

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Age Friendly Hamilton, and Elizabeth Conti, Public Health Nurse, consulted Committee respecting Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan 2020-2025, with the aid of a presentation.

(Kilburn/Cardno)

That the presentation, respecting Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan 2020-2025, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

**(i) 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory
Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Deferred
from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was
not achieved) (Item 10.1)**

(Kemp/Geffros)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2020 base budget submission, in the amount of \$6,100, be approved and referred to the 2020 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

(h) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) Correspondence from Martin Brousseau respecting Accessible Pedestrian Signals in Quebec City (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 5.1)**

(Kilburn/McNeil)

That the correspondence from Martin Brousseau respecting Accessible Pedestrian Signals in Quebec City, be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Correspondence from Edward Soldo, Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division, respecting Follow-Up to the Committee's Feedback on the Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 5.2)**

(Wilson/Geffros)

That the correspondence from Edward Soldo, Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division, respecting Follow-Up to the Committee's Feedback on the Accessible Pedestrian Signals Video, be received.

CARRIED

P. Kilburn wished to be recorded as opposed.

(i) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Denise Sterling, Service Canada, respecting the Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D) Benefit Toolkit (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)**

(McNeil/Kemp)

That the delegation request, submitted by Denise Sterling, Service Canada, respecting the Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D) Benefit Toolkit, be approved for a future meeting.

CARRIED

(j) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7) (CONTINUED)

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

No update.

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

No update.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

No update.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

(McNeil/McBride)

That the Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of September 24, 2019 (Item 7.4(a)), be received.

CARRIED

(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 the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group has met and discussed the Working Group's scope and workplan.

(Kilburn/Geffros)

That the verbal update from A. Wilson, respecting the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group, be received.

CARRIED

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

A. Wilson indicated that the Community Safety Working Group has met and discussed the Working Group's scope and workplan. A written update has been prepared and will be shared with Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

(Geffros/Cameron)

That the verbal update from A. Wilson, respecting the Community Safety Working Group, be received.

CARRIED

(k) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10) (CONTINUED)

(Kemp/McNeil)

- (a) That the following discussion items be deferred to the December 10, 2019 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints:

- (i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group Review (Item 10.2)
- (ii) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group Accommodation (Item 10.3)
- (b) That the following discussion item be deferred to the January 14, 2020 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints:
 - (i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Terms of Reference Review (Item 10.4)

CARRIED

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

(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (Item 13.1)

J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, noted that the City has received numerous accessibility concerns related to snow clearing following the major snow fall on November 11, 2019.

(Wilson/Geffros)

That the verbal update from J. Bowen, respecting Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 13.2)

J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, advised that Ontario's Information and Communication

Standards Development Committee invited feedback from the public on the Information and Communication Accessibility Standard under the AODA.

(Wilson/Cameron)

That the verbal update from J. Bowen, respecting the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 13.3)

The following is a listing of invited presenters for future Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meetings:

- A representative of Community Living Hamilton
- A representative of Community Para-Med
- A representative of LHIN Home and Community Care (formerly Community Care Access Centre Hamilton)
- Sarah Jama, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- Director of Housing Services
- Emergency Management Staff
- Donna Skelly, MPP Flamborough-Glanbrook

(iv) Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase Webinar Review (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 13.4)

S. Aaron and the late J. Hawker attended an Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase Webinar on September 25, 2019, which was organized by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

(Kilburn/Kemp)

That the correspondence from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility respecting the Innovative Accessibility Projects Showcase Webinar, be received.

CARRIED

(v) General Meeting Procedures Update (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 13.5)

A. Mallet noted that she met with A. Davenport, Legislative Coordinator, J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, and Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, on September 18, 2019 to discuss the Committee's concerns respecting recent changes to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting procedures.

Topics of discussion included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Term of the Committee Chair;
- Council Representative; and,
- Request to speak at Committee and Working Group Meetings procedure.

(Geffros/Wilson)

That the verbal update from A. Mallett, respecting General Meeting Procedures, be received.

CARRIED

(vi) Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List (Deferred from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as quorum was not achieved) (Item 13.6)

(McNeil/Kemp)

That the Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List be deferred to the January 14, 2020 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints.

CARRIED

(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(McNeil/Kemp)

That there being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

7.1(a)

Built Environment Working Group Notes October 1, 2019

Present: Lance Dingman, John Hawker, Mary Sinclair (contributing past member ACPD) and Jayne Cardno

Those present expressed disappointment that only 3 committee members were present.

The Group reviewed work in progress and listed outstanding business with some priorities indicated.

Re Built Environment - structures, recreational facilities, parks, and roadways to review

Some urgency in addressing Winter issues that have been raised frequently:

- Staff from Public Works have presented and answered related questions that indicated the need to move forward with bringing 2 other departments together with Public Works. They are By-Law and Property Standards. Concerns include clearing intersections, bus shelters and stops, sidewalks and bicycle paths. Noted previously were guidelines that allow bicycle paths to be cleared quickly and how they allowed mixed use that included mobility devices. Metal plates were identified as a slip and fall hazard.

ACPD Ask: That we take immediate action to bring these three departments together for a discussion on how to move forward on winter mobility concerns. Motion to be shaped and put forward.

Structures:

- 690 Stone Church West and Upper Paradise Road
- Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre
- Jimmy Thompson Pool

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- Waterdown Memorial Hall (Recreation Centre) (washroom in the senior's area and parked wheelchair blocks emergency button)
- Hamilton Place - performers washroom requires assist bars.
- John Sopinka Courthouse at John Street South and Main Street East - review
- City Hall - Rumble strips at stairway on second floor

- Conclude OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Re: work to date with the Heritage sub committee and Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager of Heritage and Resource Management.

Parks

- HSR bus shelters and buses - accommodation of service animals and mobility devices - DARTS vehicles?
- Rebecca Street and King William Street - no plans have been reviewed - Gage Park - proposal and fund raiser for wheelchair swing

Roadways

- Cannon Street - tactile surfaces at intersections (Mike Becke)
- Locke Street - review - concern with temporary ramps during construction and that going forward better means of providing ramps etc. can be found. This offers lessons that could prevent problems re: future road work and the Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- York Boulevard and Queen Street plans for re-construction - bike lanes and mobility devices
- Summers Lane - changes
- LRT issues during construction as well as final plans
- Curb cuts - recommendations for better positioning and attention to accessibility via mobility devices.

ACPD Ask: Built Environment would appreciate assistance in the review and assessment of the above structures etc.

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- Built Environment is interested in moving forward with the work done by the Emergency Services and Mobility Devices Working Group. Actions could be identified that would allow a strategy and priorities to be identified and moved upon.

ACPD Ask: Any meeting notes etc. would be helpful in ensuring the work can lead to improvements.

Discussion from the Transportation working group in support of an idea to propose a key event and possible year-long series of events that would increase public awareness on accessibility issues and celebrate the independence of those with disabilities was supported. It was noted that 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Urban Braille. There was a 20th anniversary celebration. The key event might be the Mayors New Years Levy and a special invite for all Service Dogs.

ACPD Ask: Motion to move forward on seeking support and resources to mount this event.

- Accommodation for note support

7.2(a)

Housing Issues Working Group Notes October 1, 2019

Present: John Hawker, Lance Dingman, Mary Sinclair (contributing past member ACPD) and Jayne Cardno

The Group reviewed work in progress and listed outstanding business with some priorities indicated.

- Edward John to present and respond to questions

The Housing Working Group is keen to hear from Mr. Edward John regarding the now long-standing list of questions prepared early last spring.

Because subsidized and social housing is a top City, federal and provincial concern and a number of groups are working on housing concerns there was discussion around inviting such groups to hear the presentation and questions for Edward John. The Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee and the Seniors Advisory Committee were two such groups.

A sample of concerns and questions relate to the percentage of units that will be accessible as well as an accessible application process that could include a number of the 40-some housing providers in the City.

- A priority is to support 15% percent of all new builds as being accessible units.
- Housing Guide - action via email to inform key organizations of the availability online and in print (45 copies)
- On-going work on providing detail regarding accessibility issues with current application for housing used by Access to Housing.

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- Accessible facilities should be a priority for meetings hosted by the City and related agencies going forward. Ex housing meetings have been difficult to attend.
- Expecting publication of the "Home For Good" report.
- Determine when and where the next Housing Summit will be.

ACPD ASK: Motion to appoint a liaison to the Housing Summit (John Hawker has volunteered)

- Concern noted that the City offers far more resource supports for those who own their homes than for those who rent and run into financial difficulties or face eviction.
- From the Transportation Working Group which is supportive of an idea to propose a key event and possible year-long series of events that would increase public awareness on accessibility issues and celebrate the independence of those with disabilities support was given by the Housing Working Group.

ACPD ASK: Motion to move forward on seeking support and resources to mount this event.

10.1

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group Review

Built Environment Working Group (BEWG)

Scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm-6:00pm in Room 192.

Current Members:

- 1) Anthony Frisina
- 2) Sophie Geffros
- 3) Jayne Cardno

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Review accessibility of new City-owned and operated buildings
- Review Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
- Review of the City of Hamilton's Barrier-Free Design Guidelines
- Review of the City of Hamilton's Urban Braille system

Housing Issues Working Group

Scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 3:30p.m.-4:00p.m. in Room 192.

Current Members:

- 1) Lance Dingman
- 2) Sophie Geffros

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Development of the Guide to Finding Housing in Hamilton for People with Disabilities
- Review of social housing application forms
- Review of availability and appropriateness of housing

Outreach Working Group

Scheduled as needed.

Current Members:

- 1) Anthony Frisina
- 2) Corbin McBride

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Explore partnership opportunities with other community agencies and organizations

Transportation Working Group (TWG)

Scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm-6:00pm in Room 193.

Current Members:

- 1) Shahan Aaron
- 2) Anthony Frisina
- 3) Mark McNeil
- 4) Tim Murphy
- 5) Kim Nolan
- 6) Tim Nolan
- 7) Aznive Mallett

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Review of accessibility issues, programming, etc. related to:
 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR)
 - Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation System (DARTS)
 - Taxi Scrip Program
 - Financial Incentive Program for Accessible Taxicab Drivers

Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group

Scheduled as needed.

Current Members:

None

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Investigate issues related to wheelchair and scooter breakdowns

Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group

Scheduled as needed.

Current Members:

- 1) Anthony Frisina
- 2) Sophie Geffros
- 3) Corbin McBride
- 4) Alex Wilson

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Assessment of the impact of climate emergencies, such as extreme weather events, on persons with disabilities
- Evaluation of the City of Hamilton's emergency preparedness and response plans to ensure that they are inclusive of persons with disabilities

Community Safety Working Group

Scheduled as needed.

Current Members:

- 1) Shahan Aaron
- 2) Sophie Geffros
- 3) Corbin McBride
- 4) Alex Wilson

Objectives (including, but not limited to):

- Investigate community safety planning for persons with disabilities