Hamilton

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
REPORT 20-005
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), S. Aaron, P. Cameron, J. Cardno, M. Dent, L. Dingman, A. Frisina, S. Geffros, J. Kemp, T. Manzuk, C. McBride, K. Nolan and T. Nolan

Absent with regrets: P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair), M. McNeil, T. Murphy, M. Sinclair and A. Wilson

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

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 20-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Regulation of E-Scooters

WHEREAS, a staff report respecting the regulation of e-

scooters is expected to come forward to the Public Works Committee in either November or December 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Works Committee be requested to forward the staff report respecting the regulation of e-scooters to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for review and comment.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.2 Housing Issues Working Group Update

6.2(a) Support for Residential Care Facilities (RCF) and Residential Care Services (RCS)

6.4 Transportation Working Group Update

6.4(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - February 25, 2020

6.4(b) Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide)

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

The following items were moved up on the agenda to be considered immediately following the Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

7.1 Verbal Update on the Impact of the Ontario Disability Support Program's (ODSP) Definition of Disability and Hamilton Health Teams to Persons with Disabilities
7.2 CityLAB Hamilton
8.1 2021 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
8.2 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The agenda for the October 13, 2020 meeting of the 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) September 8, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Verbal Update on the Impact of the Ontario Disability Support Program's (ODSP) Definition of Disability and Hamilton Health Teams to Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1)

Bonnie Elder, Director of Ontario Works, addressed Committee respecting the Impact of the Ontario Disability Support Program's (ODSP) Definition of Disability and Hamilton Health Teams to Persons with Disabilities.

The verbal update, respecting the Impact of the Ontario Disability Support Program's (ODSP) Definition of Disability and Hamilton Health Teams to Persons with Disabilities, was received.

A. Mallett relinquished the Chair to T. Nolan.

A. Mallett assumed the Chair.

(ii) CityLAB Hamilton (Item 7.2)

Patrick Byrne, Project Manager of CityLAB Hamilton, addressed Committee respecting CityLAB Hamilton, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting CityLAB Hamilton, was received.

(a) The Outreach Working Group was directed to collaborate with the Project Manager of CityLAB Hamilton on project ideas and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and,

(b) The Project Manager of CityLAB was requested to alert the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities of disability related CityLAB projects.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) 2021 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 8.1)

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed the Committee respecting the 2021 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2021 base budget submission, in the amount of $6,100, was approved and referred to the 2021 budget process for consideration.

(ii) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (Item 8.2)

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed the Committee respecting the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, was received.

(f) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence from DeafBlind Ontario Services respecting Accessibility Guidelines for Sensory Loss (Item 4.1)

The correspondence from DeafBlind Ontario Services, respecting Accessibility Guidelines for Sensory Loss, was received.

Items 6.2(a) and 6.4(b) were considered at this time due to time constraints.

(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 6.2)

(a) Support for Residential Care Facilities (RCF) and Residential Care Services (RCS) (Added Item 6.2(a))

The discussion, respecting Support for Residential Care Facilities (RCF) and Residential Care Services (RCS), was received.

(ii) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 6.4)

(a) Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (Added Item 6.4(b))

The following motion respecting the Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property, was referred back to the Transportation Working Group for further discussion and review:

> WHEREAS, other Canadian cities such as Montreal and Toronto have implemented a ban on the use of electric scooters in their communities;
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> WHEREAS, the province of Ontario has permitted Ontario cities to self-determine whether to permit electric scooters on its roads and sidewalks;

WHEREAS, there are no provincial regulations in place, especially for commercially rented electric scooters, regarding the use of electric scooters on roads and sidewalks apart from an age limit of 16 years to operate;

WHEREAS, electric scooters can run at a speed of close to, or in excess of, 30km/hour posing a significant safety risk to persons with disabilities particularly those with mobility or sensory disabilities;

WHEREAS, there are no provincial regulations requiring operators of electric scooters, particularly rental electric scooters, to possess either a license or insurance to operate;

WHEREAS, the province does not require operators of electric scooters, especially rental electric scooters, to undertake any specific or regulated training in order to own or operate an electric scooter; and,

WHEREAS, other disability advisory committees in the province of Ontario have recommended a ban on the use of electric scooters on municipal sidewalks and roadways because of their risk to safety of others, particularly persons with physical and sensory disabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Hamilton respectfully recommends that City Council ban the use of electric scooters on all City roads, sidewalks, pathways and in all other areas of the City until such time that electric scooters, particularly rental electric scooters, and their operators are trained, licensed, insured and are fully and completely regulated by the province of Ontario in the same manner as any other motor vehicle in the province of Ontario.

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

(a) The following items were deferred to the November 10, 2020 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints:

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 6.1)

(ii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 6.3)

(iii) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - February 25, 2020 (Added Item 6.4(a))

(iv) Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities (Item 8.3)

(v) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (Item 11.1)

(vi) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) Update (Item 11.2)

(vii) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.3)

(viii) Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List (deferred from the September 8, 2020 meeting) (Item 11.4)

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

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