



# Hamilton

## **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities**

### **Minutes**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

**Room 192/193 City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillor B. Morelli  
A. Mallett (Chair), T. Nolan (Vice-Chair)  
R. Cameron, R. Semkow, M. Smithson, R. Thompson,  
T. Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Wallis, P. Cameron, T. Manzuk,  
B. Lane

**Absent with  
Regrets:** D. Maraj, R. Hirji-Khalfan, P. Killburn

**Also Present:** J. Lee, M. Carter, J. Hayat, M. Duwai-Sowa Customer  
Service, Access and Equity  
G. Goguen Hamilton Police Service  
M. Harris, Manager, Business Support,  
Recreation/Community Services  
R. Keliacius, Business Development Consultant  
Recreation/Community Services  
D. Witmer, Manager Accessible Transit, Public Works  
Andy Grozelle, Legislative Coordinator, Clerks Office

### **COMMITTEE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE:**

**1. Hamilton Police Service - Mental Illness/Disability (Added Item 7.2)**

**(T. Manzuk/B. Lane)**

That the Hamilton Police Service along with Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) provide an update to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Police interactions with those who have a mental disability or illness.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(K. Nolan/T. Manzuk)**

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) January 10, 2012**

**(R. Cameron/R. Semkow)**

That the Minutes of January 10, 2012 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)**

**(i) Built Environment Minutes December 5, 2011 (Summary Attached)  
(Item 5.1)**

R. Cameron provided an update to the Committee on the Built Environment Minutes of December 5, 2011. He discussed the Sub-committees meeting with zoning and By-law staff respecting accessible parking spots on private property. R. Cameron discussed Accessible Pedestrian Signals and indicated that the Sub-committee is waiting until after staff report up to Council on this matter prior to considering further action.

**(T. Wallis/T. Manzuk)**

That the Built Environment Minutes of December 5, 2011, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

**(i) Recreation Needs Assessment for Person with Disabilities  
Update/Terms of Reference (Item 6.1)**

Mary Jo Harris, Manager, Business Support, Recreation/Community Services addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation. A copy of the Presentation has been included in the official record.

- Discussed the work that has been done since they were last consulted with ACPD in November 2011.
- Discussed the draft report that will be going forward to the Emergency & Community Services Committee
- Discussed the measures being put in place to ensure the Report's recommendations result in actions through: work plans, ensuring accountability, appointing project leads, regular review of performance measures and annual reporting.

Committee members asked several questions highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- Committee members asked if there was a time-line attached to this project.
- Staff indicated that there is and that they will be able and willing to provide updates to Committee throughout the process.
- Committee members asked if there was more information on the services provided or proposed to be introduced in the future
- Staff indicated that those details are still in the draft report and will not be released publicly until the Report comes before the Emergency and Community Services Committee in May 2012.
- Committee members discussed reaching out to marginalized groups to encourage them to begin using Recreation facilities and services. Discussed expanding outreach to encompass those who have been frustrated with the Recreation services provided and feel disenfranchised by the system.
- Committee members asked if they could sign up for a program at any recreation centre and participate in the programs offered
- Staff indicated that one of the issues is that there isn't a uniformity of services across the City and that is something this Needs Assessments looks to address. Staff indicated that aside form facility and equipment issues there should not be an issue signing up for recreation programs; however \ the current lack of uniformity makes it difficult to make an overall general statement.

**(K. Nolan/T. Wallis)**

That the update Recreation Needs Assessment for Person With Disabilities Update and the Recreation Needs Assessment Terms of Reference, be received. **CARRIED**

**(ii) Transportation Sub-committee, ATS Eligibility Enhancements – 2012 Budget (no copy) (Item 6.2)**

Tim Nolan provided an update to the Committee respecting the ATS Eligibility Enhancements – 2012 Budget. He Indicated that the Sub-committee no longer wished to appear at the General Issues Committee public budget hearings.

**(iii) 25th Anniversary Rick Hansen, Man in Motion World Tour (Item 6.2)**

Chair Mallett provided an update to the Committee members respecting the Man in Motion Tour. Committee members discussed the upcoming conference in Vancouver in May.

**(T. Nolan/P. Cameron)**

That the item respecting the 25th Anniversary Rick Hansen, Man in Motion World Tour, be received. **CARRIED**

**(g) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 7)**

**(i) Additional Update – Interlocking Brick Replacement Plan (Information Purposes Only) (Item 7.1)**

**(M.Smithson/T. Manzuk)**

That the Additional Update – Interlocking Brick Replacement Plan be referred to the Built Environment Sub-committee. **CARRIED**

**(ii) Police Service - Mental Illness/Disability (Added Item 7.2)**

B. Lane introduced the item of the Hamilton Police Service and their interaction with those who have mental illnesses.

Staff suggested that the HPS liaison representative Gary Goguen provide an update at a future ACPD meeting on this issue.

Councillor Morelli indicated that he will discuss it as well in his role with the Police Services Board. He indicated that Police are doing a great

job addressing very challenging situations and he will work with them to bring an update to ACPD members.

B. Lane discussed the need to address perceptions of mental illnesses. The Committee members discussed that they would like the Police and COAST to provide them information on:

- Protecting the privacy of individuals with mental illnesses, what occurs with police records? Can these records be used as a hindrance for those with mental disabilities eg. those looking to do volunteer work, etc.
- What training is provided?
- What is being done to address perceptions around mental disabilities?
- What is being done to assist police in identifying different types of mental disability so that they may better aid these individuals?
- This issue isn't age specific, what is being done to assist groups like seniors?
- What work is being done to involve family groups or social services to assist?

Committee members discussed the need to provide Police with appropriate information so they are prepared to respond to the questions of Committee.

For disposition on this Item refer to Item 1.

**(iii) March of Dimes – Awareness Day April 13, 2012**

P. Cameron indicated that the March of Dimes requested that ACPD set up a table at their March of Dimes Awareness event on April 13, 2012 at the East Gate Mall.

R. Cameron indicated that this was discussed at Built Environment Subcommittee and they suggested that a chart be created outlining all of the achievements made by ACPD.

Staff indicated that they set up a table at the March of Dimes event and could expand that to include ACPD representatives.

**(R. Cameron/T. Murphy)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities send representatives to participate in March of Dimes Awareness Day, April 13, 2012.

**CARRIED**

(g) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

**(R. Cameron/B. Lane)**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
February 14, 2012