



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Minutes

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Room 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

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- Present:** Councillor B. Morelli
A. Mallett (Chair)
R. Semkow, M. Smithson, R. Thompson,
T. Wallis, T. Manuk, T. Nolan, K. Nolan, P. Killburn,
T. Murphy, R. Cameron, B. Lane
- Absent with
Regrets:** D. Maraj, R. Hirji-Khalfan, P. Cameron
- Also Present:** J. Lee, M. Carter, J. Hayat, M. Duwai-Sowa, Customer
Service, Access and Equity
Andy Grozelle, Legislative Co-ordinator, Clerks Office

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) 4.2 - Built Environment Sub-Committee Update
- (ii) 7.2 - Quality of Life Indicator Development Consultation

(Murphy/Semkow)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) May 8, 2012

(Killburn/Semkow)

That the Minutes of May 8, 2012 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Transportation Sub-committee Report – May 22, 2012 (Item 4.1)

T. Nolan discussed the Report of the May 22, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Sub-committee. He discussed the ongoing work to review the 2011 Year end ATS Performance Report. He indicated that there will soon be GPS systems installed in DARTS. He outlined the work being done on accessible bus stop design and how this issue may be transferred to the Built Environment Committee in the near future.

There was some discussion by Committee members on accessible taxis and the need to ensure that wait times should be the same for all taxi-cabs, be they accessible or not.

Staff indicated that they have been met with the new staff member that currently holds the accessible taxi portfolio. Staff discussed the work done by the Seniors Advisory Committee respecting the accessible taxi issue and how they raised concerns with the ACPD's recommendations in the past respect the move towards 100% of all taxis are accessible. Staff discussed that focusing on ensuring equality in wait times rather than a percentage of accessible taxis may be the best way to proceed and ensure all groups concerns are met.

(K. Nolan/Wallis)

That Transportation Sub-committee Report of May 22, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Built Environment Sub-committee Update (Added Item 4.2)

Committee members discussed getting information on Council dispositions on their recommendations. There was some discussion on attaching Sub-committee background reports to ACPD reports to General Issues Committee.

(B. Lane/R.Cameron)

That the Sub-committees of ACPD be directed to attach background information in their Reports that contain recommendations and consider whether the recommendation may also require a delegation of support to be made to Standing Committee. **CARRIED**

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Term's of Reference Discussion (referred from previous meetings) (Item 6.1)

Committee members discussed the scope of the terms of reference and expanding it to include a level of community outreach. There was some discussion on the proposal of the Committee Against Racism to create a community position to help address issues of discrimination in the community.

(B. Lane/R.Cameron)

That the discussion of the Terms of Reference be tabled pending the outcome of the efforts of the Committee Against Racism to create a community position to assist with incidents of discrimination.

The Motion **CARRIED** on the Following Votes:

Yeas:	A. Mallett, B. Morelli, R. Semkow, P. Killburn, B. Lane, R. Thompson, T. Wallis, T. Manuk, K. Nolan, T. Murphy, R. Cameron,
Total:	11
Nays:	M. Smithson, T. Nolan
Total:	2
Absent:	D. Maraj, R. Hirji-Khalfan, P. Cameron
Total:	3

(ii) Excerpt from AODA Integrated Accessibility Standards (referred from April meeting) (Item 6.2)

Jane Lee, Director of Customer Service, Access & Equity, provided an update to Committee on the AODA Integrated Accessibility Standards. She indicated that they would be doing a five-year Accessibility plan and providing annual updates on this plan. She outlined the corporate commitment to these standards and the involvement of the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services on this project.

The Committee determined that in August they would meet for three hours starting at 4:00 p.m. in August. Staff indicated that this meeting could be a workshop on the Accessibility Plan.

(f) NEW BUSINESS/ OTHER INFORMATION (Item 7)

**(i) Update Accessible Audible Signals (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
(Item 7.1)**

The Committee Clerk provided an update on Outstanding Business List items and Council dispositions. R. Cameron provided an update on the need to work with staff to identify appropriate locations for the installation of test systems for Accessible Audible Signals at four locations: Barton & Victoria, Charlton & John, Upper James & Fennel, Main Street & Governors Road.

There was some discussion on the funding source for the continued retrofits program. There was also discussion on how the four pilot locations were found. Built Environment Sub-committee members indicated that ten top locations were identified through consultation with the CNIB and the top four were selected for the pilot.

(ii) Quality of Life Indicator Development Consultation (Item 7.2)

Tim Nolan discussed the Quality of Life Indicator Development Consultation. He discussed that Cathexis Consulting Inc. be invited to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting

(K. Nolan/T. Wallis)

That the City of Hamilton Advisory Committee for persons with disabilities invite Cathexis Consulting Inc. to Hamilton respecting Quality of Life Indicator Development Consultation. **CARRIED**

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(R. Cameron/T. Wallis)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities