



## Hamilton

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

#### **Report 13-006**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Room 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave  
K. Nolan, R. Thompson - Regrets  
R. Cameron, T. Murphy

#### **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 13-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Quorum and attendance at meetings (No Copy) (Item 6.2)**
  - (a) That Roger Cameron be removed from the membership of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities due to continued and ongoing non-attendance;
  - (b) That a letter be sent to R. Cameron thanking him for his work with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities and encouraging him to volunteer to sit on City Committees again in the future;
  - (c) That the vacant position on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be referred to the Selection Committee for consideration.

#### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

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

- 6.4 Letter from Dana Burnette as published in the Hamilton Spectator July 3, 2013 respecting Presto fare card problems (Added Item 6.4)
- 7.1 Mad Pride Hamilton Information (Added Item 7.1)

The agenda was approved as amended.

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

None

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

**(i) June 11, 2013 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of June 11, 2013 were approved.

P. Cameron provided an update on the Built Environment Sub-committees recent tour of the Stone Creek Recreation Facilities and Battlefield Park. There was no related item on the agenda. P. Cameron indicated that a Report would come forward to a future ACPD meeting.

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Increased Demand for EMS Services – Doug Waugh, Deputy Chief/Manager, Operations EMS (No Copy) (Item 5.1)**

Doug Waugh, Deputy Chief/Manager, Operations EMS, was not in attendance. The Committee indicated that he be invited to attend the next meeting.

**(ii) Housing Update – David Brodati - Manager, Investment in Affordable Housing (No Copy) (Item 5.2)**

David Brodati - Manager, Investment in Affordable Housing, addressed the committee with the aid of a Handout. He discussed the work done on the development of the ten-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

He discussed the high priority set upon continued consultations with people with disabilities throughout the establishment of the ten-year plan. He discussed the involvement of people with disabilities in the roundtable discussions. Mr. Brodati indicated that the final plan is

expected to come forward to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in October. One target of this plan is to renovate 300 units to become accessible. Every year they target to build 300 new affordable housing units and at least 5% of which are to be made accessible units. He requested that ACPD provide comment on the 5% number for inclusion in the finalized plan.

Committee members discussed that it is very difficult to find a specific number or percentage of accessible units. They commented that accessibility need not mean that apartments accommodate wheel chairs as there are many different types of disabilities and some individuals may not require as much accommodations as others. They suggested making a determination the number of accessible units based on equality in wait times for accommodations between accessible and non-accessible units. Committee members discussed building new units that are more easily converted to become accessible to add flexibility.

The update respecting Affordable Housing, was received.

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

**(i) Transportation Sub-Committee Report & Minutes (To Be Distributed)**

**(i) Minutes May 28, 2013**

The Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes of May 28, 2013, were received.

**(ii) Report June 25, 2013**

Jane Lee and Ritta Nazi provided an update on their recent meeting with the accessible taxi consultant. The consultant has identified that they would like to attend ACPD in September and January to begin discussions.

The committee decided to hold a three hour meeting in September in order to facilitate the consultations.

The Transportation Sub-Committee Report of June 25, 2013, was received.

**(ii) Quorum and attendance at meetings (No Copy) (Item 6.2)**

Committee members discussed the absences of Committee member R. Cameron who has not been in attendance, nor sent regrets for over a year. Chair Mallett indicated that she has contacted him several times about his attendance over the last several months. The Committee members expressed thanks for the work R. Cameron has done for the Committee; however due to issues with quorum directed that his position on the Committee be deemed vacant.

For disposition on this item refer to Item 1.

**(iii) Pan Am/Para Pan Am Games (No Copy) (Item 6.3)**

Chair Mallett indicated that she added this item to the agenda in order to request that staff attend with an update on the Pan Am and Para Pan Am Games in respect to accessibility.

There was some indication that ACPD's involvement will be slightly less than initially anticipate as there will be no Para Pan Am Games held in the City of Hamilton. Committee members identified some transportation issues of concern and asked that they be invited to the Built Environment Sub-committee meeting.

**(iv) Letter from Dana Burnette as published in the Hamilton Spectator July 3, 2013 respecting Presto fare card problems (Added Item 6.4)**

Mary Smithson provided an update to Committee members respecting the letter published in the Hamilton Spectator.

The Letter from Dana Burnette as published in the Hamilton Spectator July 3, 2013 respecting Presto fare card problems, was referred to the Transportation Sub-Committee for further discussion.

**(e) NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)**

**(i) Mad Pride Hamilton Information (Added Item 7.1)**

Information was provided to Committee members respecting Mad Pride Hamilton and an upcoming event this group is holding.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle  
Legislative Co-ordinator