



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Minutes

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Room 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallett (Chair)
Councillor B. Morelli
T. Manzuk, P. Kilburn, P. Cameron, M. Smithson,
T. Wallis, T. Murphy, B. Lane

**Absent with
Regrets:** T. Nolan (Vice-Chair) – Bereavement
K. Nolan – Bereavement
R. Semkow – Vacation
R. Thompson, D. Maraj

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda

(Killburn/Murphy)

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) September 10, 2013 (Item 3.1)

(Cameron/Wallis)

That the Minutes of September 10, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

(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 addressed the Committee. He discussed the availability of Braille cards and magnify glasses in EMS vehicles as well as that availability of some bariatric vehicles. He discussed other measures being done to address disabilities that are encountered by EMS.

Mr. Waugh discussed that they cannot bring wheel chairs or scooters in ambulances as they cannot be secured. Committee members discussed allowing the fold up walkers or wheelchairs that can be easily broken down in ambulances. He indicated that they often rely on the police to assist in instances where they leave behind a scooter or wheelchair.

The Committee discussed the response of police and fire to 9-1-1 responses on a number of issues including trip-and-fall calls. Staff stressed the importance to call 9-1-1 in any cases where there is an emergency.

(Killburn/Wallis)

That the update respecting Increased Demand for EMS Services, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Snow Clearing / Enforcement – Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement, Bob Paul, Acting Manager Winter Control, Public Works (No Copy) (Item 5.2)

Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement, Bob Paul, Acting Manager Winter Control, Public Works addressed Committee respecting issues of snow clearing.

Kelly Barnett, spoke to efforts being done to ensure that enforcement staff are vigilant with ensuring residents are clearing their sidewalks. She spoke to the outreach and information campaign being done to raise awareness of owners obligations to keep sidewalks clean.

Bob Paul, Acting Manager Winter Control spoke to the ongoing orientation work that has been done plow contractors. He indicated that staff are being very proactive this year to get contractors to plow right to

the curb line so there is no longer a snow windrow between the street and curb. He indicated that in instances where the job is done incorrectly they will be calling the contractor to come out and take corrective action.

Staff spoke to the need to call 546-CITY anytime you encounter a problem such as the sidewalk not being shovelled at a vacant building. This will initiate a process where the building would be added to the vacant building registry and eventually led to the City issuing tickets and then progressively moving onto clearing of the sidewalk and placing the cost onto the owners property taxes.

Committee members discussed the S.O.S., Snow Angels and Helping Hands programs to help the disabled or senior citizens clear snow.

(Lane/Killburn)

That the update respecting Snow Clearing and Enforcement, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Transportation Sub-Committee Report – September 24, 2013 (Item 6.1)

Terri Wallis provided an overview of the Transportation Sub-committee Report of September 24, 2013. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Accessible Transit Services public meetings being held on October 10th and 24th. Ms. Wallis indicated that they discussed the Accessible Taxi By-law and discussed the issue of seatbelts and occupant restraints for wheelchair occupants as well as those seats used by ambulatory passengers with a mobility impairment. She provided an update on the approximately 1,500 new applicants which have registered under the new Eligibility and Registration policy in the period between the start of November 2012 and the start of August 2013.

(Murphy/Manzuk)

That the Transportation Sub-Committee Report of September 24, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes – September 3, 2013 (Item 6.2)

Terri Wallis provided an overview of the Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes of September 3, 2013. She outlined that they have created a new priority list for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), discussed the ongoing APS travel training.

Ms. Wallis outlined the tour of the Stoney Creek Recreation Centre and Battlefield Park, provided an update on the creation of the terms of reference on the Audit of Bus Shelters.

(Smithson/Cameron)

That the Built Environment Sub-Committee Report of September 3, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Wallis/Cameron)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator