

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2013 Room 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present:

A. Mallett (Chair), T. Nolan (Vice-Chair)

T. Manzuk, P. Cameron, T. Wallis, T. Murphy, B. Lane, K.

Nolan, R. Semkow, R. Thompson

Absent with

Regrets:

Councillor B. Morelli - Illness

M. Smithson – Regrets

P. Kilburn, D. Maraj, R. Hiriji-Khalfan

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Built Environment Sub-committee Report October 1, 2013 (Added as Item 6.3)
- (ii) Letter from Mary Smithson respecting vans (Item 7.1)
- (iii) Future Discussion Items (Item 7.2)

(Murphy/Semkow)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) October 8, 2013 (Item 3.1)

(Cameron/K. Nolan)

That the Minutes of October 8, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Employment System Review – Turner Consultants (No Copy) (Item 5.1)

Turner consultants were not in attendance.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Transportation Sub-Committee Report – October 22, 2013 (Item 6.1)

Tim Nolan provided an overview of the Transportation Sub-committee Report of October 22, 2013.

He discussed the recent work done on Accessible Taxis and the next steps from there. He indicated that the first accessible taxi cab is on the now on the road.

(Murphy/Wallis)

That the Transportation Sub-Committee Report of October 22, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Letter from Simon Lebrun of Community Information Hamilton requesting the opportunity to consult with the Advisory Committee (Item 6.2)

(Lane/Wallis)

That Community Information Hamilton be approved to attend a future Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

T. Nolan was recorded as opposed.

(iii) Built Environment Sub-Committee Report – October 1, 2013 (Added Item 6.3)

Terri Wallis provided an overview of the Built Environment Sub-Committee Report of October 1, 2013.

Tim Nolan indicated that he had heard audible signals at Main and Paisley and was not aware that this intersection was on the list. The Committee discussed looking further into this to confirm this.

(Lane/Thompson)

That the Built Environment Sub-Committee Report of October 1, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

(f) New Business (Item 7)

(i) Letter from Mary Smithson respecting vans (Item 7.1)

The committee agreed to send the letter onto the Transportation Subcommittee for discussion.

(ii) Parking Tickets (Added Item 7.2)

K. Nolan discussed the problem with cars that have signs that read caregivers on duty and nurses on duty that are frequently ticketed. She discussed inviting Parking Enforcement Staff to attend a future ACPD meeting to discuss the problem with the Committee.

(iii) Future Discussion Items (Item 7.2)

Chair Aznive discussed issues that the committee would like to proactively investigate. Committee members indicated that they would like to look at working with younger groups.

There was some discussion on a looking at accessible housing percentage number and ensuring that staff are working within promoting the barrier free guidelines.

Committee members discussed proactively ensuring that staff are addressing and aware of approvals rather than waiting for problems to arise.

Committee members discussed the Accessibility Recreation Needs Assessment plan and the possibility of receiving an update on that.

Committee members discussed barriers around voting for those with disabilities and ways to use technology to assist disabled voters.

Committee members discussed opening a dialogue with other Accessibility Advisory Committees to see what initiatives they are working on.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(T. Nolan/T. Wallis)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourn at 5:46 p.m. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle Legislative Co-ordinator