



# Hamilton

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

### **Minutes**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

**Rooms 192/193 City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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<b>Present:</b>	A. Mallett (Chair) T. Nolan (Vice Chair) B. Lane, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, P. Cameron, R. Semkow, R. Thompson, T. Wallis
<b>Absent with regrets:</b>	Councillor S. Merulla P. Kilburn, R. Hirji-Khalfan, D. Maraj, K. Nolan

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

**(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

**(Murphy/Semkow)**

That the agenda for the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) Minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 3.1)**

**(Semkow/Wallis)**

That the Minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) Correspondence from Owen Quinn, Coordinator of Accessible Transportation Services, dated November 28, 2014 respecting DARTS Service during the 2014 Municipal Election (Item 4.1)**

The Committee directed the Committee Clerk to contact Owen Quinn to request further information respecting DARTS Service during the 2014 Municipal Election. The Committee would like Mr. Quinn to report to the Transportation Sub-Committee on how many trips were taken on DARTS for voting in the municipal election and how many/if any service complaints were received.

**(Murphy/Cameron)**

That the Correspondence from Owen Quinn, Coordinator of Accessible Transportation Services, dated November 28, 2014 respecting DARTS Service during the 2014 Municipal Election, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) Update from the Built Environment Sub-Committee (Item 6.1)**

Ms. Patty Cameron provided the Committee with an update about the activities of the Built Environment Sub-Committee. Minutes from the latest meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee will be distributed at a later date.

**(Cameron/Lane)**

That the update from the Built Environment Sub-Committee, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Update from the Transportation Sub-Committee (Item 6.2)**

Ms. Terri Wallis provided the Committee with an update about the activities of the Transportation Environment Sub-Committee. Minutes from the latest meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee will be distributed at a later date.

**(Lane/Thompson)**

That the update from the Transportation Sub-Committee, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) **Discussion respecting a request for a presentation from the President of the Hamilton Local of the Amalgamated Transit Union (Item 6.3)**

After consultation with the Deputy Clerk, the Committee Clerk advised that if the Committee wishes to have a presentation from the President of the Hamilton Local of the Amalgamated Transit Union at a future meeting, that they are required to bring forward a motion with this request.

It was decided that this matter should be referred to the Transportation Sub-Committee for further discussion.

**(g) MOTIONS (Item 8)**

- (i) **Application Forms for Accessible Transportation Services (Item 8.2)**

There was no mover for the motion respecting Application Forms for Accessible Transportation Services. The issue was referred to the Transportation Sub-Committee for further discussion.

**(h) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)**

- (i) **Update from Lauri Leduc on upcoming presentations to the Committee (Item 9.1)**

Ms. Lauri Leduc, Committee Clerk, provided the Committee with an update respecting upcoming presentations to the Committee.

Ms. Leduc reported that Mr. David Dixon, Director of Transit, will be presenting to the Committee on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Ms. Leduc indicated that staff is still in discussions with the Parking Permit for Homecare Providers Sub-Committee so a decision will be made at a later date if a presentation from staff to the Committee is required.

Ms. Leduc indicated that Mr. Al Fletcher, Manager, Licensing Inspections and Enforcement, will be presenting to the Committee at the January 13, 2015 meeting regarding the status of the City's Taxi Review Study.

**(Lane/Semkow)**

That the update from Ms. Lauri Leduc, Committee Clerk, respecting upcoming presentations to the Committee, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Uber Taxi Service (Added Item 9.2)**

The Committee discussed the impact that Uber Taxi Service may have on taxi services for persons with disabilities. The matter was referred to the Transportation Sub-Committee for further discussion.

**(iii) Urban Braille Awareness (Added Item 9.3)**

The Committee discussed their desire to mark the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Urban Braille with special events and activities in the City.

Aznive Mallet, Pat Cameron, Terri Wallis and Mary Sinclair volunteered to form a working group to explore this issue. Maxine Carter, Coordinator, Access and Equity Office, will arrange for the group to meet and will work with Chris Cutler in the Mayor's office to discuss ideas on how to mark the anniversary.

**(iv) Presentation from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Added Item 9.4)**

The Committee discussed the issue of Urban Braille and felt that there was confusion surrounding the definition of it. The Committee Clerk was directed to invite a representative from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) to attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Wallis/T. Nolan)**

That there being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Committee be adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with  
Disabilities

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