



Hamilton

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities  
Report 15-001**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

**Rooms 192/193 City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillor S. Merulla  
A. Mallett (Chair)  
T. Nolan (Vice Chair)  
P. Cameron, B. Lane, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, K. Nolan,  
R. Semkow, T. Wallis

**Absent  
with regrets:** R. Hirji-Khalfan, P. Kilburn, D. Maraj, R. Thompson

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**THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
PRESENTS REPORT 15-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Urban Braille Installation on Centennial Parkway (Added Item 6.1 (a))**

That staff be directed to exam the feasibility of installing Urban Braille on Centennial Parkway from Delawana Avenue to Queenston Road.

**2. Urban Braille Policy Review (Added Item 6.2 (b))**

That the Urban Braille Policy, approved by Council on April 10, 2010, and the January 6, 2015 Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee (attached hereto as Appendix A to ACPD Report 15-001), be reviewed as soon as possible.

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be consulted in the process of the review of the Urban Braille Policy and included in the site selection and criteria for Urban Braille implementation.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

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

- (i) Added as Item 6.1 (a) – Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated December 2, 2014
- (ii) Added as Item 6.1 (b) – Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated January 6, 2015

The agenda for the January 13, 2015 meeting of the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved as amended.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

- (i) **Minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 3.1)**

Ms. Cameron noted that Item (e)(iii) should read that it is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Urban Braille and not the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Access Awareness Week. The Committee Clerk will make the correction to the official record.

The Minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were approved, as amended.

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

- (i) **Presentation from Al Fletcher, Manager, Licensing Inspections and Enforcement, respecting an Update on various issues in the Taxi Industry (Item 5.1)**

Mr. Al Fletcher, Manager, Licensing Inspections and Enforcement, provided the Committee with a verbal update about various issues in the Taxi Industry.

Mr. Fletcher's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Status of Accessible Taxis
  - a total of 16 accessible taxis are now in licensed, inspected and in operation
  - in general the accessible taxi system is working well however two complaints about passengers with accessibility needs not being properly secured were received; the complaints were investigated and action was taken
  - all new drivers are required to take training in how to operate an accessible taxi
- Schedule 25 of the Taxi By-law is being reviewed in 2015; Licensing staff will be consulting with the Committee about the proposed changes
- Issues surrounding Uber taxi service are being monitored by staff; under the current by-law Uber is considered a broker and as such must be licensed and Uber vehicles must be inspected

The update from Al Fletcher, Manager, Licensing Inspections and Enforcement, respecting a verbal update about various issues in the Taxi Industry was received.

**(ii) Presentation from Dave Dixon, Director of Transit, respecting Introduction to the Committee as the New Director (Item 5.2)**

Mr. Dave Dixon, Director of Transit, had an unexpected issue arise so he was unable to attend today's meeting and sent his regrets. The Committee Clerk will re-schedule Mr. Dixon's presentation for a future meeting.

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

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

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Ms. Terri Wallis provided the Committee with an update about the activities of the Built Environment Sub-Committee.

The update from the Built Environment Sub-Committee was received.

**(ii) Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated December 2, 2014 (Added Item 6.1(a))**

The Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated December 2, 2014 was approved.

**(iii) Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated January 6, 2015 (Added Item 6.1(b))**

The Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee dated January 6, 2015 was approved.

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

The Transportation Sub-Committee did not meet in December 2014 and they have not yet held their January 2015 meeting so there was nothing to report.

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

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with  
Disabilities

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Office of the City Clerk