



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Report 15-001

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Rooms 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

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

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

1. Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings - Teleconferencing (Item 6.1)

- (a) That the Ontario Government consider the appropriate legislative amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* to permit telephone or video conference participating by appointed members of municipal accessibility advisory committees required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*; with the understanding that participation for anyone with a disability will be provided in a manner that is fully accessible to that person.
- (b) That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Council for the Town of Richmond Hill.

2. Accessibility at Healthcare Facilities (Item 8.1)

That staff be directed to initiate consultations with representatives of the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) to determine what steps can be taken to address the issue of barriered access for persons with disabilities to: McMaster University Medical Centre, St. Joseph's

Healthcare Hamilton – Charlton Campus, St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton – King Campus, St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton – West 5th-Fennell Campus, Hamilton General Hospital, Juravinski Hospital, and St. Peter’s Hospital and report to ACPD with the results of the consultation.

3. Automatic Door Opener at the Chedoke Twin Pad Arena Multi-Purpose Facility (Item 8.2)

Whereas, the Built Environment Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities conducted a tour of the newly renovated Multi-Purpose Facility at the Chedoke Twin Pad Area; and,

Whereas, the Sub-Committee found that the automatic door actuator for the main entrance was installed in the wrong location, therefore resulting in persons with disabilities being unable to safely open the door and enter expeditiously;

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to move the automatic door actuator at the main doors to the Chedoke Twin Pad Arena Multi-Purpose Facility to a proper location in order to make the doors operable for persons with disabilities and be in compliance with the *Ontario Building Code*.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda for the March 10, 2015 meeting of the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) Minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were approved as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Meeting Notes from the February 19, 2015 meeting of the ACPD Success Stories Sub-Committee (Item 4.1)

The Meeting Notes from the February 19, 2015 meeting of the ACPD Success Stories Sub-Committee were received.

(ii) Correspondence from Antonia Hammer, Senior Advisor, Accessibility, Metrolinx, respecting New Memorandum of Understanding for Paratransit Eligibility (Item 4.2)

The Correspondence from Antonia Hammer, Senior Advisory, Accessibility, Metrolinx, respecting a New Memorandum of Understanding for Paratransit Eligibility was received.

(iii) Correspondence from Jade Holliwell, Stakeholder Relations Coordinator/Strategic Communications, Metrolinx, respecting the Regional Paratransit Agreement (Item 4.3)

The Correspondence from Jade Holliwell, Stakeholder Relations Coordinator/Strategic Communications, Metrolinx, respecting the Regional Paratransit Agreement was received.

(iv) Correspondence from Ann Hoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, respecting an Update on the Second Legislative Review of AODA (Item 4.4)

The Correspondence from Ann Hoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, respecting an Update on the Second Legislative Review of AODA was received.

(e) PRESENTATION (Item 5)

(i) Presentation from Metrolinx Representatives respecting Accessibility Activities (Item 5.1)

Ms. Antonia Hammer, Senior Advisory for Accessibility, Metrolinx and Mr. Silvan Bruno, Senior Project Officer, GO Accessibility Program, addressed the Committee respecting Accessibility Activities. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the public record.

The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Mandate
- Accessibility Initiatives at GO Transit, PRESTO, UP Express, New Rapid Transit
- Regional Paratransit Coordination
- Metrolinx's Accessibility Advisory Committee

The presentation from Metrolinx Representatives respecting Accessibility Activities was received.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Correspondence from Janet Pilon, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk, respecting the Teleconferencing of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings (Item 6.1)

The Correspondence from Janet Pilon, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk, respecting the Teleconferencing of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings, was received.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

(ii) Transportation Sub-Committee (Item 6.2)

(i) Notes from the January 27, 2015 meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee (Item 6.2(i))

The Notes from the January 27, 2015 meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee were received.

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

Tim Nolan provided the Committee with a verbal update regarding the February meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee. The notes from the meeting will be brought forward at the April 14, 2014 ACPD meeting.

The Verbal Update from the Transportation Sub-Committee was received.

(iii) Built Environment Sub-Committee (Item 6.3)

(i) Notes from the February 3, 2015 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee (Item 6.3(i))

The Notes from the February 3, 2015 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee were received.

(ii) Verbal Update from the Built Environment Sub-Committee (Item 6.3(ii))

There was no verbal update from the Built Environment Sub-Committee.

(iv) Next Steps respecting the Issue of Parking Permits for Home Care Providers (Item 6.4)

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 8)

(i) Accessibility at Healthcare Facilities

Whereas, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) bus access to the main entrance to the McMaster University Medical Centre was terminated in 2014; and,

Whereas, subsequent to this action an assessment by the members of the City's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) has determined that there is also no primary access for HSR passengers to the entrances of the following Hamilton hospitals/health care facilities: St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton – Charlton Campus, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton – King Campus, Hamilton General Hospital, Juravinski Hospital, and St. Peter's Hospital; and,

Whereas, the entrance to each of the above facilities requires persons using public transit to either negotiate steep and long pathways or long pathways to gain main entrance access; and,

Whereas, ACPD believes strongly that the current main access entrances to each of these facilities is a barrier and safety concern for persons with disabilities seeking either health care services or simply attending the facilities; and,

Whereas, ACPD believes that public transit access to the main entrances of each of these facilities may be the only means by which barriered access can be remedied,

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(h) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 19)

(i) Verbal Update from Lauri Leduc, Legislative Coordinator, respecting the Outstanding Business List (Item 9.1)

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Committee adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities

Lauri Leduc
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk