



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Minutes 15-010

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Rooms 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), P. Kilburn (Vice Chair), T. Nolan, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, K. Nolan, R. Semkow, T. Wallis, C. Cruickshank, M. Sinclair, P. Cameron, E. Lindeboom, S. Soto

Regrets: Councillor S. Merulla, J. Cardno, J. Gilbreath

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

1. Mountain Brow Road Reconstruction

(T. Wallis/ T. Nolan)

WHEREAS it is a public safety issue, having sidewalks on both sides of the street is imperative;

WHEREAS the lack of sidewalks presents hazardous conditions for pedestrians, due to lack of curb cuts and no sidewalks, forcing pedestrians to walk on the roadway;

WHEREAS this goes against the recommendations in the Pedestrian Mobility Plan;

WHEREAS Canada Post has installed mailboxes on the brow side of the street, with no proper sidewalks for the residents to cross and walk safely. These mailbox units are not placed in practical locations for residents to access safely;

WHEREAS this location of Mountain Brow is extremely busy with pedestrian traffic on weekends using the Bruce Trail on the brow side of the roadway;

WHEREAS city policy dictates that sidewalks should be on both sides of the street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a sidewalk be constructed on both sides of Mountain Brow road, with appropriately placed crosswalks for pedestrian safety.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(P. Kilburn/ R. Semkow)

That the agenda for the October 13, 2015 meeting of the Advisory 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 September 8, 2015 (Item 3.1)

This item was deferred for consideration to the next ACPD meeting.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)

There were no consent items.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

There were no presentations at this meeting.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Update – Courtney Groves, Recreation – Regarding Recreation Inclusion Strategy Update (Item 6.1)

Courtney Groves, Recreation Supervisor, provided a presentation regarding the recreation inclusion strategy update noting the following:

- Social inclusion through community recreation includes accessible facilities, inclusive program and sport, adapted programs and specialized sport, engaging persons for social inclusion and specialized initiatives;
- Some service improvements include the rolling out of inclusion policies and procedures such as behaviour management, lift/transfer procedure and support worker training;
- Partnership development includes adapted yoga, parasport partnerships, reduced rental rates, and district operations;
- There is a public awareness campaign that is ongoing;
- Accessible facilities include lift equipment at Westmount, and increased swim options for children and youth with disabilities; and
- Some funds have been secured to increase accessibility at 5 recreation centre.

Some questions and discussion ensued regarding the availability of accessible adult programs and the variety offered in those programs. One example provided was adult wheelchair basketball. Also discussed were items related to the marketing of said programs and the promotion of public awareness for them. Suggestions were made with respect to promoting via CHCH during morning broadcasts, or on transit buses.

(T. Wallis/ K. Nolan)

That the update regarding the recreation inclusion strategy, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Update – Regarding Family Provincial Court Ramp (Item 6.2)

Maxine Carter advised that to date there is no update to provide. A letter has been sent and confirmation has been received that the letter has been received, but nothing further to report.

(iii) Update – Transportation Working Group – Meeting of August 25, 2015 (Item 6.3)

Paula Kilburn provided an update regarding the August 25, 2015 Transportation working group meeting and noted:

- the public meeting with Metrolinx is October 27th at 6:30 p.m.
- there will be several presentations, and everyone is welcome to attend.

(T. Nolan/ M. Sinclair)

That the update regarding the August 25, 2015 meeting of the Transportation working group meeting, be received.

CARRIED

(P. Kilburn/ M. Sinclair)

That the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting of the Transportation working group meeting, be received

CARRIED

(iv) Update – Built Environment Working Group – Meetings of August 4, 2015 and September 1, 2015 (Item 6.4)

The members discussed at length the recommendation brought forward by the Built Environment working group regarding the mountain brow road reconstruction. Consensus was reached regarding the wording (as presented in Item 1 above). Also, it was noted that tours of several facilities took place including Westmount Recreation Centre, Waterdown Civic Centre, and Stone Church Accessible Housing Unit. It was also noted that a tour of the HSR mountain bus depot will be arranged in the near future.

(T. Nolan/ M. Sinclair)

That the updates regarding the August 4, 2015 and the September 1, 2015 meetings of the Built Environment working group, be received.

CARRIED

(P. Kilburn/ M. Sinclair)

That the minutes of the August 4, 2015 and the September 1, 2015 meetings of the Built Environment working group, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this item, refer to Item 1.

(v) Terms of Reference and ACPD Budget Assessment Working Group (Item 6.5)

The chair advised that at this meeting potential budget items were only discussed. It was noted that two members would like to attend conferences and that they are still reviewing the potential for budget allocation for this. The chair also advised that there are parking vouchers for committee members who attend the ACPD meetings.

(vi) ACPD (Condensed) Committee Orientation – Maxine Carter’s Portion (Item 6.6)

It was decided that this item would be covered in the new year during the full committee orientation.

(vii) Update – Respecting Representative From Police Services (Item 6.7)

Maxine Carter advised that a letter has been sent to the Police Chief with this request and now staff are awaiting a decision.

(T. Wallis/ P. Kilburn)

That the update regarding a police services representative be received.

CARRIED

(g) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 7)

There were no notices of motion brought forward.

(h) MOTIONS (Item 8)

There were no motions to address at this meeting.

(i) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

There was no other business to address at this meeting.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(T. Wallis/ P. Kilburn)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities (ACPD)