



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Notes 15-011

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 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, J. Cardno, J. Gilbreath

Regrets: Councillor S. Merulla.

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

1. Update - Terms of Reference and ACPD Budget Assessment Working Group (Item 6.4)

(P. Kilburn / T. Wallis)

That \$1,500.00 be included in the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2016 budget in order to permit one member of the Committee to attend one conference per year.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(P. Kilburn / R. Semkow)

That the agenda for the November 10, 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)

(T. Wallis / P. Kilburn)

That the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(ii) Minutes of October 13, 2015 (Item 3.2)

(E. Lindeboom / T. Wallis)

That the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(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) Helping to Shape the Vision for the Future of Hamilton (Item 6.1)

Ms. Deb Clinton a Neighbourhood Development Consultant, Neighbourhood Action Strategy provided the Committee with a presentation entitled "Helping to Shape the Vision for the Future of Hamilton."

The presentation consisted of background information on Vision 2020, The Our Future Hamilton Campaign; Phase 1-3 with a facilitated discussion that centred on the following four questions:

1. What do you love about Hamilton?

2. What are the challenges you face as a person living with a disability in Hamilton?
3. Are there opportunities you think we should know about and highlight?
4. Can you name five things that can be changed to make it easier for you to work, live and play in Hamilton?

Responses to question 1, what do you love about Hamilton includes:

- More Lemonade stands
- Walking trails-waterfalls
- Arts-bayfront park & Trails
- HSR- neighbourhood associations and how they work together
- Parks, playgrounds, festivals
- Our social services particularly immigration services
- Diversity of City
- The geographical location..close to Toronto/Niagara
- Good access to most locations in the city
- The volunteerism and citizen engagement
- We have barrier free guidelines approved by City Council
- Sobi bikes

Responses to question 2, what are the challenges we face include:

- Access to our trails and waterfalls
- Transportation keeping pace with growth
- Prioritizing transportation
- Public support for transportation
- DARTs and accessible transportation (taxis)
- Access to historical buildings
- Cutbacks to services that allow people to live independently
- Helping businesses and services to become accessible
- Clarify the role of the 3 levels of government...who does what
- Challenge of the demographics...how to plan for the future
- Making sure there is housing with supports
- Housing and services with dignity
- Hamilton website still needs improvement
- Open data
- Limited accessible design for all buildings in the City of Hamilton barrier free not applied everywhere
- Snow removal

Responses to question 3, what are the opportunities included:

- New jobs-better economy
- Creating low income housing in repurposed buildings
- Opportunity for mixed housing
- Increased tourism
- Missing economic opportunities

- Utilizing out Advisory Committees-volunteer committees for input and guidance
- People are engaged and we have the tools to become fully accessible

Responses to the 4th question, list five things you would change included:

- Have a concise complete housing inventory particularly for people with disabilities
- Stigma of the City of Hamilton;
- low cost and subsidized housing
- A plan for gentrification
- Reduce dependence on cars which would help with the pollution
- More health and disability research through our schools /hospitals
- Improve snow removal
- Incentives to start small businesses coordinated with employment support for those over the age of 50
- Perceived social differences between the downtown and the mountain

(P. Kilburn / T. Murphy)

That the presentation entitled “Helping to Shape the Vision for the Future of Hamilton”, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Transportation Working Group Minutes – September 22, 2015 (Item 6.2)

(P. Kilburn / T. Wallis)

That the September 22, 2015 minutes of the Transportation Working Group, be approved.

CARRIED

(iii) Update - Built Environment Working Group (Item 6.3)

The Committee was provided with an update from the Built Environment Working Group.

Ms. Carter discussed the motions directed to Facilities and will report back to the Committee as to whether or not they require the Committee’s approval prior to the directions being initiated.

(T. Wallis / P. Cameron)

That the update respecting Built Environment Working Group, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Update - Terms of Reference and ACPD Budget Assessment Working Group (Item 6.4)

The Committee discussed the vision, mission and mandate from the Committee's most current version of the Terms of Reference.

The Committee also discussed their 2016 budget suggesting the creation of a survey and the inclusion of \$1,500.00 in the 2016 budget in order for one member of the Committee to attend one conference per year.

(T. Wallis / P. Cameron)

(a) That the update respecting the Terms of Reference and ACPD Budget Assessment Working Group, be received; and

(b) That the discussion with respect to the remainder of the Terms of Reference be deferred to a future meeting.

CARRIED

For the disposition of this item, please refer to Item 1.

(v) Update – Work Plan Working Group (Item 6.5)

The Committee discussed the website suggesting that the HSR should be included on the same website; the heritage issues being encountered and the need for flexibility; and suggesting the formation of focus groups to address the community's needs.

(P. Kilburn / T. Wallis)

That the update respecting the Work Plan Working Group, be received.

CARRIED

(vi) Update – Integrated Standards Working Group (Item 6.6)

The Committee was advised that the Integrated Standards Working Group has not met yet.

(vii) Update – Hamilton Police Service Representative (Item 6.7)

The Committee was advised that a letter requesting the name of a representative was sent to the Police Chief, then forwarded on to the Community Policing Department, however, at this time there has been no response.

(T. Wallis / P. Kilburn)

That the update respecting the Hamilton Police Service representative, be received.

CARRIED

(viii) Update – Respecting Invitation to Mark Water, Tim Hortons (Item 6.8)

The Committee was advised that Mr. Water is only available for the January 2016 meeting.

Mr. Water has asked that he be informed prior to making his presentation to the Committee, what the Committee would like to discuss with him? what type of information should he be presenting to the Committee?

The Committee noted that they would like to know about Mr. Water's experience and findings; his recommendations for a hiring policies; small business initiatives; employment standards; why he made decision and the benefits and challenges.

A. Mallard noted that anyone interested should be invited to attend the January meeting for Mr. Water's presentation.

(K. Nolan / P. Kilburn)

(a) That the update respecting the invitation to Mark Water, Tim Hortons, be received; and

(b) That the Committee Clerk forward the Committee's response to Mr. Water.

CARRIED

(i) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 7)

There were no notices of motion brought forward.

(ii) MOTIONS (Item 8)

There were no motions to address at this meeting.

(iii) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

(i) Update – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (Item 9.1)

The Committee discussed the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, noting the vast amount of research that has been completed across Canada, however, there is only one municipality with a plan in place.

Members of the Committee are currently reviewing that plan.

The Committee noted that ‘individuals in wheelchairs’ should be a matter for discussion immediately following a future ACPD meeting; the meeting should be one hour in length and individuals with walkers should also be invited.

(ii) Christmas Meeting (December 8, 2015) (Item 9.2)

The Clerk was asked to book the meeting room for an extra hour on the December 8, 2015.

P. Kilburn will be responsible for the coordination of the pot luck.

(iii) Mental Health First Aid Course (Item 9.3)

E. Lindeboom suggested that the Hamilton Police Service initiate the use of the Mental Health First Aid Course offered by the Mental Health Commission, which is a 12-hour course, taken over two days. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Canada ensures that there is always someone close by who can help when a Canadian experiences a mental health problem or crisis. – More information can be found at the following link: <http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/mhcc-newsletter-july-2014-mental-health-first-aid#sthash.2mgKa4ud.dpuf>.

The Clerk was asked to include this matter on the next meeting agenda and to have the Hamilton Police Service representative in attendance.

The Committee was advised that there is new legislation for Human Rights, respecting mental health, Maxine offered to circulate the information to the Committee members.

(iv) 3rd Annual Neighbourhood Action Strategy Event (Item 9.4)

T. Wallis attended an event on Saturday at a building across from the Centre Mall, which was not wheelchair accessible. There was a banquet elevator, however, there weren't any accessible washrooms.

(v) Fire Exit Policy (Item 9.5)

The Clerk was asked to include a copy of the Fire Exit Policy or a presentation on this subject matter, on the next agenda.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(P. Kilburn / T. Wallis)

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)