



Hamilton

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

### **Report 16-002**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**Room 264, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** A. Mallett (Chair),  
P. Cameron, C. Cruickshank, J. Gilbreath, P. Kilburn,  
T. Manzuk, B. Semkow, M. Sinclair, S. Soto, T. Wallis

**Absent  
with regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – City Business, E. Lindebook, T.  
Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Nolan

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### **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 16-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

#### **1. Financial Incentives for Accessible Taxi Services (Added Item 9.1)**

That the City of Hamilton offer a financial incentive to taxi operators to make replacement vehicles accessible when they renew taxi licenses, replace older vehicles and purchase new vehicles.

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

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

The agenda for the February 9, 2016 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) November 10, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

The November 10, 2015 Meeting Notes were approved, as presented.

**(ii) January 12, 2016 (Item 3.2)**

The January 12, 2016 Meeting Notes were approved, as presented.

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

**(i) Access and Equity Update (Item 6.1):**

Cindy Mercanti, Director Customer Service, Access and Equity provided the Committee with an update on the following:

**(a) Complaints Received Respecting Disability Issues**

A high-level report will be coming forward to the ACPD in the second quarter of 2016.

**(b) ACPD Food and Refreshment Survey**

Maxine Carter, Manager, Access and Equity, continues to gather information for the survey.

**(c) Status of Braille Printing**

A new software program is to be installed to rectify the spacing issues when Word documents are translated into Braille.

**(d) Hamilton Police Services Representative**

A representative from Hamilton Police Services has not been assigned.

The Access and Equity Update was received.

**(ii) Working Groups Update (Item 6.2)**

**(a) Integrated Standards Working Group Update**

T. Manzuk provided an update to the Committee. His comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- The group proposed that Mark Wafer, an advocate for employing people with disabilities, be invited to come and speak to the Committee
- Staff has approached Mr. Wafer to speak, but he declined. His speaking engagements are paid events, and the cost is prohibitive
- An event could be planned with ACPD in partnership with the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, to target employers
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce would take the lead on the event
- A tentative date for such an event could be in the Fall of 2016
- Members of the Integrated Standing Working Group will work with staff on this event

**(b) Terms of Reference and ACPD Budget Assessment Working Group Update**

P. Kilburn provided an update to the Committee. Her comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- The latest revision to the Terms of Reference will be circulated to the Committee
- It is suggested that the final version of the Terms of Reference be put on the agenda for the March 8, 2016 meeting

**(c) Built Environment Working Group – Meeting Notes, January 5, 2016**

The January 5, 2016 Meeting Notes of the Built Environment Working Group, were received.

**(d) Transportation Working Group – Meeting Notes, November 24, 2016**

T. Wallis provided an update to the Committee. Her comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- ATS/DARTS Review has been completed
- 400 people, and 5 agencies were surveyed

The members of the Transportation Working Group were directed to prepare a presentation respecting current DARTS Service to be given at the February 19, 2016 General Issues Budget Committee meeting.

The November 24, 2015 Meeting Notes of the Transportation Working Group, were received.

**(e) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

P. Kilburn introduced the following Motion:

**(i) Financial Incentives for Accessible Taxi Services (Added Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS many individuals with disabilities have experienced problems with obtaining accessible taxi services; and

WHEREAS the problems that individuals with disabilities have experienced with accessible taxi services include, but are not limited to:

- not being provided with an estimated pick-up time
- late arrival to pick up passengers
- taxis not arriving at all
- not being provided with assistance to get into the taxi,

Therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Hamilton offer a financial incentive to taxi operators to make replacement vehicles accessible when they renew taxi licenses, replace older vehicles and purchase new vehicles.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Financial Incentives for Accessible Taxi Services.

For further disposition on this matter, refer to Item 1

**(f) 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. Mallett, Chair  
Advisory Committee for  
Persons with Disabilities

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk