



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Report 16-009

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Rooms 192 and 193, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallett (Chair), P. Cameron, J. Cardno, C. Cruickshank,
P. Kilburn, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Nolan,
B. Semkow, M. Sinclair, and T. Wallis

**Absent
with regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – City Business, S. Soto

Also absent: E. Lindeboom

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 16-009 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Formation of a Working Group respecting Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdowns (Item 5.1)**
 - (a) That a Working Group be formed from members of the ACPD and staff from the Access & Equity Office to garner greater stakeholder responses to the Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Survey;
 - (b) That the members of the Working Group work with staff from the Access & Equity Office to create solutions to the issue of wheelchair and scooter breakdowns;
 - (c) That members of the Working Group work with staff from the Access & Equity Office on their proposal for a service to assist with Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdowns within the City of Hamilton; and
 - (d) That J. Cardno, A. Mallett, T. Manzuk, M. Sinclair and T. Wallis be appointed to the Working Group on Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdowns.

2. Information Report respecting Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Survey, Corporate Services, Access & Equity Office (Item 5.1)

That the Information Report respecting Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Survey, be received.

3. Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – June 28, 2016 (Item 5.2)

That the Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of June 28, 2016, be received.

4. Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes - July 5, 2016 (Item 5.3)

(i) Housing Services and City of Hamilton’s Barrier Free Design Guidelines

That Housing Services staff be directed to adhere to the City of Hamilton’s Barrier Free Design Guidelines and consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for any future housing renovations and new construction projects.

(ii) Request for an Accessibility Audit Update from Housing Services

That staff be directed to prepare an update to the Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities, on all accessibility audits completed to date by ACPD, including City Hall, MacNab Street Terminal, Stoney Creek Recreation Centre, Battlefield House and Park, Westmount Recreation Centre, Waterdown Civic Centre, 690 Stone Church Road West and Tim Horton’s Field, with dates, outcomes and outstanding items found in each audit.

5. Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – August 2, 2016 (Item 5.4)

That the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – August 2, 2016, be received.

6. Terms of Reference Working Group – Final version of Terms of Reference for Approval (Item 5.5)

That the revised Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, attached hereto as Appendix “A”, be approved

7. HSR Fares for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS post-secondary students pay a one-time fee to their post-secondary institution and receive a bus pass allowing them to travel on the HSR from September to August each year; and

WHEREAS any post-secondary student with a disability who might otherwise ride the HSR for free due to the nature of their disability, must pay an annual fee to their post-secondary school to receive an annual HSR bus pass;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That HSR staff be directed to work with the post-secondary institutions in Hamilton and members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to establish a process to either waive or reimburse fees for the annual HSR bus passes for post-secondary students with disabilities; and
- (b) That a report be brought back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting the process to either waive or reimburse fees for the annual HSR bus passes for post-secondary students with disabilities.

8. Housing Issues Working Group (Item 11.2)

- (a) That staff be directed to work with members of the ACPD to create a Working Group respecting Housing Issues and Persons for Persons with Disabilities;
- (b) That the Housing Issues Working Group focus on housing issues include persons with disabilities; and persons living on social assistance to create an inventory of Housing; and
- (c) That M. Sinclair and J. Cardno from the ACPD be approved to lead the Housing Issues Working Group.

9. DARTS Liaison (Item 11.3)

- (a) That P. Kilburn be approved as DARTS Liaison for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and,
- (b) That the DARTS Liaison for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities continue to work with the Executive Director of DARTS to inform the ACPD of DARTS activities.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(i) September 13, 2016

The Clerk advised that there was a typographical error in the agenda, with a duplication in numbering of Consent Item 5.6.

The agenda for the meeting of the September 13, 2016 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) August 09, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The August 09, 2016 Minutes were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – June 28, 2016 (Item 5.2)

Paula Kilburn addressed the Committee respecting the Transportation Working Group. Works continues on the DARTS Survey. The Roundtable for Accessible Taxis has been scheduled for September 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 264, City Hall. The Roundtable is open to members of the ACPD and the Senior's Advisory Committee.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(ii) Integrated Standards Working Group Update (Item 5.6)

Cindy Mercanti, Director Customer Service, Access and Equity, addressed Committee respecting a Mark Wafer speaking engagement in Hamilton, on October 18, 2016. Committee members will be advised if seating is available, so that they can attend the event.

(iii) Work Plan Working Group Update (Item 5.7)

(a) Staff were directed to work with members of the ACPD to organize a meeting with Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), and the Social Planning

and Research Council of Hamilton, to promote better access for persons with disabilities within the City of Hamilton; and,

- (b) T. Wallis, P. Kilburn and J. Cardno from the ACPD were appointed to work with staff on the meeting of the BIAs and members of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

- (i) Copy of Correspondence to the Director, Access & Equity from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario respecting Changes to Accessible Customer Service Standard (item deferred from the June 14, 2016 meeting) (Item 11.1)**

Cindy Mercanti, Director Customer Service, Access and Equity addressed the Committee with an overview of the Correspondence to the Director, Access & Equity from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario respecting Changes to Accessible Customer Service Standard.

The Correspondence to the Director, Access & Equity from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario respecting Changes to Accessible Customer Service Standard, was received.

- (ii) Residential Care Facilities (item deferred from the July 12, 2016 meeting) (Item 11.2)**

M. Sinclair addressed the Committee respecting Residential Care Facilities.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

- (iii) DARTS Liaison (item deferred from the July 12, 2016 meeting) (Item 11.3)**

T. Nolan and K. Nolan requested to be recorded as OPPOSED to the Item respecting the DARTS Liaison.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

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

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk