



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

REPORT 16-012

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 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. Lynes, T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, A. Nicolls, K. Nolan, T. Nolan, B. Semkow, M. Sinclair, S. Soto and T. Wallis

Absent

with regrets: Councillor S. Merulla – City Business, P. Kilburn

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 16-012 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Formation of a Working Group to Create an Information Source for People with Disabilities Looking for Appropriate Housing**
 - (a) That a working group be formed to produce a comprehensive information source for people with disabilities looking for appropriate housing for their specific, special needs; and
 - (b) That a staff person from the Housing Division be provided to support the working group to liaise with the various housing and service providers in conjunction with the Advisory Committee for Person's with Disabilities.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(i) December 13, 2016

The agenda for the meeting of the December 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) November 8, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The November 8, 2016 Minutes were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Transportation Working Group Update - September 27, 2016 (Item 5.1)

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of September 27, 2016, were received.

(ii) Council Activity Update (Item 5.2)

The Council Activity Update, was received.

(iii) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 5.3)

Maxine Carter, Manager, Access and Equity, distributed hard copies of the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of November 1, 2016.

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of November 1, 2016, were received.

(iv) Integrated Standards Working Group Update (Item 5.4)

No report.

(v) Work Plan Working Group Update (Item 5.5)

No report.

(vi) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 5.6)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(vii) Services for Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdowns Working Group (no copy) (Item 5.7)

No report.

(viii) Outreach Working Group (Added Item 5.8)

No report.

(e) MOTIONS (Item 9)

M. Sinclair introduced the following motion:

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WHEREAS there is a significant gap in the knowledge of accessible and available housing for people with a variety of disabilities in the city of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Housing Division of the City of Hamilton does not have a comprehensive inventory of appropriate housing for persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the special needs questionnaire for the coordinated access to housing, currently provided by Access to Housing, does not cover the full

spectrum of disabilities, as defined by the Accessibility for Ontario with Disabilities Act (AODA);

WHEREAS, current information regarding buildings and support services for people with a variety of disabilities is fragmented; and

WHEREAS, the subject of suitability/appropriateness was not discussed in the Seniors' Advisory Committee's "Housing Options for Older Adults in Hamilton";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That a working group be formed to produce a comprehensive information source for people with disabilities looking for appropriate housing for their specific, special needs; and
- (b) That a staff person from the Housing Division be provided to support the working group to liaise with the various housing and service providers in conjunction with the Advisory Committee for Person's with Disabilities.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1

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

- (i) Multi-year Accessibility Plan - Confirmation of Receipt by members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.1)**

Maxine Carter, Manager, addressed the Committee respecting receipt of the Multi-year Accessibility Plan. She advised that members should have received their copy of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, and signed off on the document.

The information respecting the Multi-year Accessibility Plan - Confirmation of Receipt by members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was received.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk