



# Hamilton

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

### **Minutes 17-004**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

**Rooms 192 and 193, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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<b>Present:</b>	A. Mallett (Chair) P. Cameron, J. Cardno, C. Cruickshank , P. Lynes, P. Kilburn (Vice Chair), T. Manzuk, A. Nicolls, K. Nolan, T. Murphy, B. Semkow, M. Sinclair and T. Wallis
<b>Absent with regrets:</b>	Councillor S. Merulla – City Business T. Nolan and S. Soto

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

#### **(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

#### **1. CONSENT ITEMS**

- 5.1 Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – May 4, 2017

The date for this meeting should read April 4, 2017 and not May 4, 2017.

#### **2. STAFF PRESENTATION**

- 7.1 At the request of the LRT Office, this presentation has been moved to the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

#### **3. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Terri Wallis has requested to share a “good news” story with the Committee.

**(K. Nolan/Wallis)**

That the agenda for the May 9, 2017 meeting of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) April 11, 2017 (Item 3.1)**

A typographical error in the spelling of the surname of Committee member Al Nicolls was noted. The Committee Clerk will correct this error for the official record.

**(Wallis/Nicolls)**

That the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

**(i) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – May 4, 2017 (Item 5.1)**

Jessica Bowen, Human Rights Specialist, Human Resources Department, distributed copies of the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes. A copy of the notes have been retained for the official record and are available through the Office of the City Clerk.

As noted under Changes to the Agenda, the correct date for the Built Environment Working Group meeting should read April 4, 2017 and not May 4, 2017.

**(Kilburn/Lynes)**

That the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of April 4, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – February 21, 2017 (Item 5.2)**

**(Kilburn/Semkow)**

That the Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of February 21, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – April 18, 2017 (Item 5.3)**

It was noted that the meeting notes of the Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of April 18, 2017 have not yet been approved by the Housing Issues Working Group so they cannot be received by the Committee at this time.

The April 18, 2017 Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes will be added to a future agenda.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes - March 28, 2017 (Item 5.4)**

**(Nicolls/Cruickshank)**

That the Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes of March 28, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(v) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – March 28, 2017 (Item 5.5)**

**(Lynes/Nolan)**

That the Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of March 28, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(vi) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Update (Item 5.6)**

Chair Aznive Mallet called on Staff Sergeant Jo-Ann Savoi, Hamilton Police Service, to provide the Committee with an update from a recent meeting of the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group.

Staff Sergeant Savoi reported that if an individual's mobility device breaks down in a roadway they are advised to call 911. Dispatch will treat the call as a Priority 1 incident and EMS will be sent.

If the mobility device breaks down in a location such as a sidewalk, a sheltered area or other safe public area, the individual should still call 911 but it will not be considered a Priority 1 call. Dispatch will ensure however that they coordinate the appropriate assistance and take all steps required to assist the individual.

**(Manzuk/Cameron)**

That the update respecting the Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) LRT Presentation (Item 7.1)**

As noted under Changes to the Agenda, this presentation has been rescheduled until the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

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

**(i) Sharing of a “Good News” Story (Added Item 11.1)**

Terri Wallis shared with the Committee an experience she recently had with Metrolinx. Ms. Wallis encountered difficulty when boarding a GO Transit bus and filed a complaint against the driver. She promptly received a call from Metrolinx acknowledging the issue and apologizing for the incident. Ms. Wallis reported that the Metrolinx representative told her that he also uses a wheelchair so he understood and sympathized with her situation.

**(ii) Report on the recent AODA Meeting (Added Item 11.2)**

Terri Wallis provided the Committee with an update on a recent provincial AODA meeting that took place. Ms. Wallis’s update included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- Sign language interpreters and closed captioning services were provided but Braille documents were not available
- The speakers at the event were excellent – especially former NHL player Jim Kyte who was the first player with a severe hearing loss to play in the League.
- She shared the success of Hamilton’s use of Urban Braille and found out that Calgary is going to start using it as well
- A rowing program for disabled individuals might be coming to Hamilton
- Accessibility at the meeting facility was not ideal; it was not very accessible and there were no door activators on the entrance to the building nor to the washrooms

**(iii) Suggestions for Presenters at Future Meetings (Added Item 11.3)**

The Committee discussed presenters they would like to attend future meetings and developed the following list with the direction that the Committee Clerk work with Ms. Jessica Bowen in the Human Resources Department to facilitate the requests:

- Evelyn Myrie
- Matters relating to the deaf and hard of hearing: Tammy Taylor of the CNIB’s deaf/blind program, a representative from the Canadian Hearing Association and the presenter who recently attended the

Seniors Advisory Committee and spoke about the issue of hearing “loop” technology

- Sherry Parsley from Community Living Hamilton
- Matters relating to mental health - Clare Cruickshank will develop a list of possible speakers and share it with Chair Mallet and the Committee Clerk
- A representative from the Wrap Around Hamilton project
- Someone to speak to the issue of the gap in accessible housing that exists for individuals with disabilities

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Cardno/Manzuk)**

That there being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallet, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons  
with Disabilities

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