



Hamilton

Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Sub-Committee

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

Present: Terri Wallis (Chair), Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy, Mary Sinclair, Patty Cameron

Absent with

Regrets: Paula Kilburn, Aznive Mallett, Al Nicolls.

Also Present:

Jessica Bowen, Human Rights, Diversity &
Inclusion, Human Resources

Lukas Keermaa, Project Manager, Public Works
Grace Wang - Invizij Architects Inc

1. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of item 5 (d) Accessible Pedestrian Signals

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

P. Cameron / T. Manzuk

That the Built Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Notes, dated November 7, 2017 be accepted as presented.

4. Presentations

4.1 Invizij Architects, Ancaster Arts Centre

Grace Wang from Invizij Architects provided the Committee with a presentation on the New Ancaster Arts Centre. She focused on the specific accessibility features of the space identifying some of the following features:

- The stairs that are currently at the front entrance have been eliminated;
- The dressing rooms will have an accessible washroom including an accessible shower;
- The orchestra pit is accessible and will include a lift.

The way that the Arts Centre is being redesigned is to ensure that people with disabilities can attend events that are held there as well as work within the space.

The Committee made the following inquiries:

Q: How many accessible seats are dedicated in the theatre?

A: There are 8 seats that are designated as accessible seating; however, there is flexibility to increase accessible seating in other areas of the theater including the balconies.

Q: Will there be access to the areas of the building that are not undergoing renovations?

A: Yes, there will be access to other areas, such as the multi-purpose rooms.

Q: How large is the elevator?

A: The elevator will adhere to the City of Hamilton's Barrier Free Design Guidelines, which includes a 6-foot turning radius.

Q: What is the timeframe for this project?

A: The project is currently in the planning phase and is awaiting several approvals. It is anticipated that the project will commence in 2018.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Matters arising from the minutes

a) Barrier-Free Design Guidelines (BFDG)

J. Bowen to find out what the process is to change the "Guidelines" to "Standards"

b) Review of New Capital Projects Tabled

c) Tour of Facilities

The next facility that the Committee has chosen to tour is the Residence on Stonechurch. The tour will be scheduled in the new year.

d) Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

Committee members noted that in a follow-up with Rob DeCleur after the November meeting, efforts were made to fix the APS at Grey and Queenston.

e) Barriers in the City

The Committee noted that in certain areas of the city there are metal plates that are being placed temporarily by Utility companies as well as phone/internet providers. These plates create many different surfaces that are challenging to navigate. The Committee requested the staff liaison engage in further discussion with relevant City of Hamilton departments to determine if there is a way to maintain consistency on paths of travel while work is being done throughout the City by various companies.

6. Other Business

The Committee requested that all Outstanding Business Items List be included on the monthly agenda on a go forward basis.

7. Adjournment

That the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018