



Hamilton

Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Sub-Committee
Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 193

Present: Patty Cameron, Terri Wallis, Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk,
Paula Kilburn (by phone), Tim Murphy, Mary Sinclair

Absent with Regrets: Aznive Mallett

Also Present: Jessica Bowen, Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion
Melissa McGinnis, Public Works

1. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of Item **5.15:**
Housing Report given to the General Issues Committee

Addition of Item **5.16:**
Metal Plates | New storm sewer grates on Cannon Street

(T. Manzuk | P. Cameron)

That the agenda of February 6, 2018 be accepted as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Built Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Notes, dated January 2, 2018

(T. Manzuk | M. Sinclair)

That the notes of January 2, 2018 be accepted as presented.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- Committee members briefly discussed the issue of sidewalks and the curbing. The working group requested that **“Curbing at Intersections”** be added as an agenda item.
- The Committee requested that Mike Becke be invited to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss Urban Braille.

4. Presentations

No Presentations

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Barrier-Free Design Guidelines Revision Project (BFDG)

M. McGinnis shared that there is no update on the BFDG project at this time. The final product needs to be reviewed by Management before it can be revisited at the Working Group. The timeline for the completion is not known

5.2 Review of New Capital Projects

No update

5.3 Tour of Facilities

The Committee agreed to revisit the Seniors Housing facility at 690 Stonechurch on Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 2:00pm

J. Bowen will send the notes from the previous tour to working group members.

5.4 Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The working group agreed that Accessible Pedestrian Signal project needed to be reconfigured given the lack of information available to staff and committee members.

Group members agreed that a budget and project plan needed to be developed to determine the approximate cost of the education video. Members suggested that the project might be one that is of interest to students in an applicable program at Mohawk College.

5.5 Beach Strip Trail Washroom

M. McGinnis shared that there is a plan to have two universal washrooms in this location.

Committee members inquired what safety measures would be put in place and how will the washrooms be monitored.

M. McGinnis indicated that the safety system in place will be the same structure as what is in place at other locations throughout the City.

The Committee advised that residents and service users need to be made aware of the assistance light/safety system within the washrooms so that people passing by are aware if a washroom user is in a situation and needs help (i.e. someone slips after getting on the toilet).

5.6 Bus Stop Audit & Design

T. Wallis advised that she had engaged in this project in years past and that the information she compiled was provided to transit to enhance accessibility.

T. Wallis suggested revisiting and reviewing the project to provide and updated status on the Transit system as it relates to accessibility.

5.7 City Hall Deficiencies

The working group discussed several areas of City Hall that ought to be made more accessible. They advised that there is a safety hazard at the top of the stairs on the second floor at City Hall because there is no texture warning strip to make individuals aware that they are approaching a staircase.

Members advised that it has become challenging getting in and out of the wheelchair washroom; difficulties are experienced getting off the toilet using the “L” shaped grab bar that is currently installed.

Reaching to lock or unlock the door in that washroom is an onion concern for some individuals and may pose a potential hazard if outside of the individual reach.

The locks on the doors of the accessible washrooms need to be changed;

The way that water is dispensed in the washroom is not efficient. When an individual using a wheelchair travels in the path of the faucet sensors, they all turn as the individual passes because they are within the area of the sensor.

The second floor is comprised of a lot of glass making it challenging to find rooms, particularly Room 264, as there is no landmark. If a landmark such a large planter could be placed outside of the room it would assist someone with low vision.

The working group requested that a representative from Facilities be invited to future meeting to discuss this matter further.

5.8 Lister Block Tour

The working group requested that J. Bowen make arrangements for the group to have a tour of Lister Block.

5.9 MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit

5.10 Warning Strips at City Hall

There are no tactile safety strips on the edge of the second floors stairs in City Hall and this creates a safety issue for those with low vision. This item is also included under Item 5.7.

5.11 Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns

No update

5.12 Summers Lane Curb Cut

The working group requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

5.13 Tim Hortons Stadium

J. Bowen advised the working group that a follow-up was conducted with the staff at Tim Horton's Stadium to determine if any of the recommendations provided were put into action.

Staff at Tim Horton's Stadium indicated that they painted all of the lips of the stairs in the stands with 'Safety Yellow' paint to enhance visibility and safety for all patrons.

They also moved all of the garbage cans away from Door Actuator Buttons and Elevator Call Buttons as the previous set-up was creating an obstacle to those with limited mobility or those who are in wheelchairs.

5.14 Washroom Accessibility

The Committee inquired in the status of the list of accessible washrooms throughout the City that was

brought to ACPD. J.Bowen to determine the status of that item.

Committee members advised that when one is using DARTS, there are established places that you go with on DARTS. Those riding darts need to know where the washrooms are along the route.

5.15 Housing Report given to the General Issues Committee

5.16 Metal Plates | New storm sewer grates on Cannon Street

Committee members discussed that there are new storm/sewer grates being installed in various neighborhoods to cover electric wires. The plastic variety that have been installed in some areas, have sharp edges that are an accessibility concern for those using a wheelchair.

The Committee inquired if any department at the City would have insight into these grates and who is responsible for them as they appear to also be relation to the phone companies (Bell/Rogers, etcetera)

The storm grates that are in place in several areas now have openings that are large enough for a foot or cane to become stuck making this a safety matter.

The Committee requested that a representative from the appropriate area Public Works be invited to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this item further.

The Committee also requested the list of Accessible Pedestrian Signal locations be forwarded to them for their reference.

6 Other Business

No other business.

7 Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018