



Hamilton

Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Sub-Committee

Tuesday, March 4, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 193

Present: Mary Sinclair (Chair), Patty Cameron, Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy.

Absent with Regrets: Aznive Mallett, Terri Wallis.

Also Present: Jodi Koch, Director, Talent and Diversity, Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion
Mike Becke, Senior Project Manager, Public Works; Susan Jacobs, Manager Design, Public Works.

1. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of Item 5.1: Stopgap Presentation

(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 February 6, 2018.

(A. Nicholls | T. Murphy)

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

3. Presentations

Urban Braille Update: Mike Becke, Senior Project Manager,

M. Becke shared with the committee that his group has been implementing new AODA design requirements with amendments made in consultation with the Built Environment Working Group.

M. Becke provided some historical information on the evolution of the implementation elements within Urban Braille. His team has encountered constructability-related issues over time that they have worked to correct. For example, some tactile features were not as deep as they should be.

A concrete stain has been added after construction to increase colour contrast. It was found that too much colour created a more slippery surface. Grit was then added to the colour to decrease friction; sandblasting was also used.

This standard is now in construction guidelines, which are publicly available. All the contractors are aware of the guidelines and adhere to it.

Committee members asked the following questions:

Q: Can you give examples of where this new standard has been installed?

A: Garth Street; Stonechurch to Rymal; York in front of construction house.

M. Becke will provide the list of locations Human Rights, Equity and Diversity.

Q: Committee members advised that only one corner of the intersection at King William and Catherine are consistent with the Urban Braille requirements.

M. Becke will raise this issue with Traffic as they look after maintenance.

M.Becke shared with the committee the evolution of the catch basin design. Several designs have been used over time and as the design were put in place their advantages and disadvantages were assessed. There used to be a long strip hole design, but it was found that bike tires could get stuck. Following that there was a herringbone design. This was not functional as it did not drain well if covered with leaves.

The Ministry has developed a design that has larger openings, the disadvantage is that children's feet and canes can fit through.

By design, we try to pick up water before it gets to the crosswalk where possible; we try not to place catch basins away from the crosswalks.

The Committee asked the following questions:

Q: The metal plates between James and Hughson; Wellington at King, the sharp corners on the metal plates are deteriorating.

A: The metal ones are usually Hydro or Bell. The thaw and freeze cycle causes plates to heave. Roads maintenance drives through the City looking for it. Residents can let us know if there is an issue by calling into the main City number and reporting it as hazard.

Q: Who decides where the plates go?

A: Sometimes there are barriers that arise when/where they need to be installed. The contractors ask for municipal consent.

Q: Who is liable if someone is injured?

A: An investigation would be done to determine liability.

Q: What about the tactile plates?

A: My understanding of road standard 124 (RD124) is that this committee agreed not to install them. Private property, i.e. Federal Building, can choose their preferable option.

Q: The tactile plates at the GO Station and courthouse are both issues, who is responsible for that?

A: They apply their own standard. AODA wanted the yellow tactile plates. The legislation says not to use concrete. The City has deferred to what the Built Environment Committee determine was most appropriate based on their experience.

4. Discussion Items

i. Barrier Free Design Guidelines

Deferred to next meeting.

ii. Review of Capital Projects

M. Becke will send a list of Capital Projects for Roads

iii. Tour of Facilities

The tour of 690 Stonechurch was cancelled due to the weather and only 2 people confirming that they would be able to attend.

iv. Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The committee agreed to review the list of APS locations provided by Rob Decleir and prioritise which locations they believe should be done first. This review will be done for the April meeting.

v. Beach Strip Trail Washrooms

Deferred to April meeting

vi. MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Issue

Deferred to April meeting

vii. City Hall Deficiencies

The committee raised inquiries regarding the accessibility in heritage building and whether accessibility legislation supersedes heritage building status.

As it relates to City Hall, the Committee inquired if there were any alternate option available to insert a tactile strip before the first stair on the second-floor alert individuals that there is an upcoming hazard.

The Committee requested that an invitation be sent to invite a staff person to an upcoming meeting to discuss accessibility and heritage.

viii. MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit

Deferred to next meeting

ix. Social Housing Accessibility Issues and Concerns:

M. Sinclair advised that the Housing Guidebook is scheduled to be completed this summer.

- x. **Summers Lane Curb Cut**
Remove agenda item.
- xi. **Accessible Washrooms**
Deferred to April meeting
- xii. **Tim Hortons Stadium**
The committee requested notes from their second tour.
- xiii. **Curbing at Intersection**
- xiv. **Waterdown library**
The committee requested that another tour be scheduled.

5. Other Business

5.1 Stopgap Presentation

Stopgap.ca representatives have requested to attend the next Built Environment Meeting.

The Committee requested that a staff person to also attend for the discussion.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018