



Hamilton

## Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities  
Built Environment Sub-Committee  
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 3:00pm – 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

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**Present:** Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy, Mary Sinclair.

**Absent with Regrets:** Aznive Mallett, Terri Wallis, Patty Cameron, Paula Kilburn.

**Also Present:**

Jessica Bowen, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion  
Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager, Heritage Resource Management,  
Tourism and Culture

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### 1. Changes to the Agenda

**Other Business:**

Addition of Item **5.1 Urban Braille**

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

(T.Murphy / T.Manzuck)

The minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2018 be approved as presented.

### **3. Presentations**

No presentations

### **4. Discussion Items**

#### **i. Heritage and Accessibility: Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager, Heritage Resource Management, Tourism and Culture**

Ian Kerr Wilson shared with the Committee that his portfolio manages 9 museums and about 40 buildings.

He shared that there are three levels related to heritage designation: Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels. He indicated that the area of greatest applicable is Municipal. He shared that the nature of the heritage protections are complex. Municipal designation is a bylaw and that bylaw specifies in the designated exactly what is considered significant. For example, he shared that the Ancaster Town Hall has three (3) exterior sides that have heritage elements, yet there are no elements on the inside designated as such. He shared with the group that any requests to modify an element of a building designated as heritage, has to go through the Municipal Heritage Committee for review and approval.

Provincial easement trumps municipal. We will go to the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT). Tell them what we need to do and why. OHT will approve or not and then they give the approval and they take that the municipal heritage committee.

I. Kerr Wilson explained that if a building is designated as heritage in order to make changes the request would need to demonstrate why an item needs to be amended

and how will the impact on the heritage materials be controlled. There has to be business case made to pursue a change (whether that is a matter of safety, structural integrity, etcetera).

Committee members inquired what elements within City Hall would be deemed heritage. I. Kerr Wilson explained that the City's website has "Hamilton's Heritage Volumes" which lists of all the municipal designations in the City. City Hall is on that list and the document outlines what elements are heritage and why they are significant.

**ii. City Hall Signage**

J.Bowen advised the committee of an accessibility signage/way-finding matter that came forward from Facilities. The Committee provided feedback on the appropriate placement of the signage. The committee also reviewed the language included on the signage.

**iii. Barrier-Free Design Guidelines Revision Project (BFDG)**

No update at this time.

**iv. Review of New Capital Projects**

**a. Annual list of projects confirmation**

The Committee confirmed they would be reviewing the following new capital projects as outlined by Public Works, Strategic Planning, Capital & Compliance:

- i. Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre Renovations
- ii. Hamilton Police Services: Investigation Services Division
- iii. New Greensville Elementary School Community Center and Library

**v. Tour of Facilities**

No update at this time.

**vi. Accessible Pedestrian Signals**

Committee members discussed the difficulty that is sometimes experienced with the Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

Committee members inquired who the appropriate contact is to call if the signals are not working appropriately. Members can call the City's Contact Centre at 905-546-2489. They can also email at [accessibility@hamilton.ca](mailto:accessibility@hamilton.ca).

**vii. Beach Strip Trail Washroom**

No update at this time.

**viii. Bus Stop Audit & Design**

No update at this time.

**ix. City Hall Deficiencies**

No update at this time.

**x. MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit**

No update at this time.

**xi. Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns**

Committee members discussed the ongoing need to have an inventory of units available so that you are not sent to a unit that is not suitable for your individual needs. And ensure that someone who is on the waitlist will not lose their spot because they were not able to access available housing (i.e. someone in a power chair being sent to a basement apartment).

**xii. Tim Hortons Stadium**

No update at this time.

**xiii. Washroom Accessibility**

No update at this time.

**xiv. Curbing at Intersections**

No update at this time.

**5. Other Business****5.1 Urban Braille**

Committee members requested to invite Gary Moore, Director of Engineering Services to an upcoming meeting to discuss why contractors are not adhering to the Barrier Free Design Guidelines and Urban Braille as a subsection of that document.

**Adjournment**

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2018