



Hamilton

Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Sub-Committee
Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

Present: Mary Sinclair (Chair), Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy, Aznive Mallett.

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

Also Present:

Jessica Bowen, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
George Wong, Chief Building Engineer, Building Division

1. Changes to the Agenda

The agenda of June 1, 2018 be accepted as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2018 be approved as presented.

3. Presentations

No presentations

4. Discussion Items

i. Stop Gap

The Committee shared that a request came to the BEWG for the use of StopGap through the City to increase accessibility. StopGap is an initiative that provides temporary, single use ramps to create access to businesses and organisations.

The Committee requested that a representative from the City speak with members to advise if any barriers exist from the perspective of the City with respect to this initiative.

G. Wong explained that the Building Division implements Building Code requirements. If a ramp is used to gain access to a business, there is little concern from the City's perspective. If they are used the way they are intended, i.e. a person puts the ramp in place for someone to access a building/business and that ramp is removed once the person has access, there is no need for the business to get a building permit. Where the concern arises is when ramps are fixed. If StopGap is used as a permanent fixture, there is a liability as they enclose on a City property.

The Committee has a robust discussion in relation to the content provided, including posing the following questions:

Q: If a business owner puts in a permanent ramp, who assumes liability?

A: A permanent ramp would have to follow Building Code requirements and would require a permit. The tenants or

the store owner may enter into an encroachment agreement with the City. In some situations, they may have to cover cost of liability.

StopGap is a temporary ramp and is single use only; it is a temporary solution.

Motion: That City Council endorse and promote the use of temporary, supervised portable ramps to increase accessibility to Hamilton businesses, Chamber of Commerce and BIAs, akin to StopGap.

ii. Barrier-Free Design Guidelines Revision Project (BFDG)

No update at this time.

iii. New Capital Projects

Confirmation of a presentation for the Hamilton Police Services Building for the July 3, 2018 meeting.

Committee members requested a representative from Public Works attend an upcoming committee meeting to discuss metal plates that have been integrated into City sidewalks but pose an accessibility and safety concern. Member requested an invitation be extended by staff to the appropriate representative.

iv. Tour of Facilities

The tour of the Seniors Centre and Public Library in Waterdown is scheduled for June 22, 2018 at 2:00pm.

v. Accessible Pedestrian Signals

No update at this time.

vi. Beach Strip Trail Washroom

J.Bowen advised that this project has recently been completed and has reopened.

vii. Bus Stop Audit & Design

No update at this time.

viii. City Hall Wish-list

No update at this time.

ix. MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit

No update at this time.

x. Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns

M. Sinclair advised that Accessible Housing will be on the agenda for the August 15, 2018 Healthy and Safe Communities meeting. J. Bowen was asked to send an email reminder request to the committee to hold the date in their calendars.

xi. Tim Hortons Stadium

No update at this time.

xii. Washroom Accessibility

No update at this time.

xiii. Urban Braille/Curbing at Intersections

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xiv. Elevator/Washroom/Changeroom Checklist

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 2018