

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Housing Working Group
Meeting Notes
2:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.
Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Room 193/City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Mary Sinclair, Patty Lynes
John Hawker, Tom Manzuk (part), Paula (part)

City Liason: Greg Witt

Absent: Jayne Cardno

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Attendance

3.0 Approval of Agenda

4.0 Approval of minutes of 19 June 2018

- Meeting minutes approved with minor corrections:
- Danielle Blake (Supervisor Housing Access and Supports, Social Housing) not able to attend July 17, 2018 meeting. She will be attending the Housing Working Group Meeting on September 18th.

5.0 Discussion about Guidebook

- We understand in future that a delegation to GIC will in future be approved first by ACPD. One month before, ask for approval to ACPD.

Discussion on format and budget-where you would like the guidebook to be distributed:

- ✓ Sharing with seniors...
 - ✓ Regional Rehab
 - ✓ CNIB
 - ✓ Housing Health Centre
 - ✓ Stroke Recovery Association
 - ✓ ACPD-10
- Writing a letter to agencies; put on web site;
 - Letter to be approved by ACPD
 - Start with 25 bound copies with a glossy , staples
 - Next year, more copies to Council

6.0 Next Steps: Accessibility in the coordinated access to housing system

- Mary describes an inventory tool McMaster students had worked on.

- Send Danielle questions prior to meeting as follows:

Questions:

1. Could you provide a brief outline of your job?
2. What are their definitions of barrier free housing and accessible housing?
3. What are the criteria that a unit needs to meet for accessibility. Provide an example.
4. What are you plans for improving the accessibility of the special needs form (font size).
5. Regarding the application and questionnaire, what progress is being made to update the application and special needs form?
6. When was the **Housing Help Centre** added as a reference point?
7. *How can the application form use the term Barrier-Free?*
8. Would you be willing for us to present our “Housing guide for People with Disabilities”?
9. We would like to discuss which health care professional can be used to complete the form, other than a doctor? ie: (Ontario Renovates –Occupasional Therapist), and (similar to transportation-Darts eligibility)
10. The City has an equity and inclusion policy. How will the Housing Division implement this?
11. Why are these forms not available and accessible to be filled in on-line

7.0 Reminder: ACPD presentation to Healthy and Safe Communities Committee on 15 August 2018 at 1:30pm

8.0 Inventory of Accessible Social Housing to be presented in September?

Meeting adjourned at 4pm

9.0 Next Meeting: 21 August 2018 at 2:00pm

General Discussion: Correction:

- August 15, 2018. Three different housing issues. Following Feb. planning and development. New date is August 15th.