



Hamilton

Minutes

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

Present: Terri Wallis (Chair), Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy, Mary Sinclair

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

Guests: Lu-ann Duxbury, Project Manager

Also Present:

Melissa McGinnis, Accommodations & Compliance Coordinator,
Public Works
Betsy Pocop, Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion

1. Changes to the Agenda

- Addition of motion under Other Business regarding four items on the Outstanding Business List

(T. Murphy/M.Sinclair)

That the September 4, 2018 agenda be approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

(A. Nicolls/T. Manzuk)

That the minutes of August 7, 2018 be approved.

3. Presentations

3.1 Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre Presentation

- The changerooms were redone, there are now male, female and universal change room
- Presenters reviewed current floor plan and proposed floor plan
- The proposed plan includes: the addition of a universal bathroom and a change stall with a six foot radius, installation of one accessible shower stall and electric adult change table
- There will be L shaped grab bars installed
- Emergency call button or strip to be installed
- There will be lock and push open buttons installed
- Horizontal shower bars will be installed
- Further questions to be forwarded to J. Bowen for review by the presenters
- Potential for a facility tour by the group upon completion of construction
- Construction expected to be completed in the new year

Q: Where will the emergency strips be installed in the washroom?

The Committee suggested that the emergency strip be located around the perimeter of the room as in most cases where someone would require emergency assistance, it is likely because they have fallen and/or find themselves on the floor.

Q: Will there be L-shaped bars or 45-degree angle bars?

A: There will be L-shaped bars installed

4. Discussion Items

i. Tour of Facilities

a. MacNab Station Terminal

M. Sinclair noted there were three dead trees.

Bus schedules are difficult to reach as they are located higher up

The group would like to reschedule the tour of the MacNab Terminal to Friday, September 21 at 2pm

ii. Accessible Pedestrians Signals (update)

Updated list provided by J. Bowen distributed to the group

The list is different from one received at the ACPD meeting

iii. Bus Stop Audit and Design

The group expressed concerns for safety from the elements with the bus shelters

The group has invited a representative from the HSR to speak to the group about bus stop designs

iv. City Hall Wish List

The group discussed bathrooms on the main level at City Hall, in particular stopping the tap from turning on when entering the bathroom.

There should be push locks in the bathrooms.

The automatic motion sensor for the toilet flush on the first floor accessible bathroom.

The group requested a printed list updated with their requests.

Items discussed below from the City Hall Accessibility Audit – Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Item 1.1 – There is no directional sign at the end of the two ramps towards Summers Lane and Main St. There is no landing strip at the City Hall forecourt. The walk at City Hall leads you to the railing not the walkway.

Item 1.9 – The current decals installed do not have a high enough contrast.

Wording for the above items to be changed to reflect current recommendations.

The group would like to do a follow up to reinstitute the request for a strip at the top of the stairs at City Hall. M. McInnis indicated she investigated and there is a plate required at the top of the stairs, Heritage indicated a plan needed to be submitted for approval and based on the option available it could be a tripping hazard. No one has responded to the top stop issue.

v. MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit

Item deferred. J. Bowen is attempting to find the information from the last audit.

vi. Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns

Deferred to December 17 from September 10

There will be a GIC meeting on September 11, 2018 and publishing of the Housing Guide will be discussed.

Councillor Merulla will be in attendance.

M. Sinclair will provide update at next ACPD meeting.

There will be a Housing Working Group meeting on September 18th at 2pm.

vii. Washroom Accessibility

Outstanding item – a list of all accessible public bathrooms. This has not yet been received by the group.

viii. Urban Braille/ Curbing at Intersections

The group extends an invitation to Mike Becke or a representative from Public Works to discuss the corners (curbing at intersections).

The group was informed the intersections would be standardized however not all curbing is the same. The group would like more information about the contractors – are there expectations for uniformity?

The group would like to see uniformity for curbing throughout the City.

5. Other Business

5.1 M. Sinclair noted there are four outstanding items:

- Reflective tape on the railing from Main Street into the City Hall Forecourt
- The decals on all glass doors at City Hall need to be a higher colour contrast;
- The accessible washrooms at City Hall needs to have a push lock mechanism. The current locking mechanism requires a person to have the strength and dexterity to physically turn the lock to ensure privacy. In addition, the door and locking mechanism are not in alignment with the bathroom wall requiring the individual to position themselves, reach and lean forward to secure the lock such that it places them in a precarious position and at risk of falling;

- Installation of a tactile (warning) strip at the top of the second-floor stairs at City Hall.

The group discussed a motion to be prepared to have the four points raised at the next ACPD meeting and request an update on the Outstanding Business List

T. Manzuk to have motion prepared with the above four points for the next ACPD meeting.

5.2 Disability Justice Network of Ontario

T. Wallis shared with the group about an upcoming event planned for September 13th from 6-8pm. Groups can get a table and registration is required in advance.

The group extended an invitation to Sarah Jama from the Disability Justice Network to attend a future ACPD meeting.

6. Adjournment

T. Murphy/ A. Nicolls

That the meeting of September 4, 2018 be adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018