

Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Working Group
Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

1. Changes to the Agenda

That the agenda from October 2, 2018 be approved as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Item: Correction of Al Nicolls's name

The minutes of the October 2, 2018, meeting were approved as amended.

3. Presentations

No presentations

4. Discussion Items

- i. Tour of Facilities (update)
The committee requested to tour Lister Block on November 9, 2018. Members suggested contacting Carrie Brooks-Joiner.
- ii. Accessible Pedestrian Signals
The Committee discussed reinstating a project for the Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) to demonstrate what APS are and how they are to be used.

The committee proposed a workplan to move forward on the project including the following elements:

- Ideally the video would be approximately 3 minutes long.
- Possible options for video production: the video could be contracted out to a third party, an inquiry to be done to see if Communications at the City has the resources to assist or an inquiry could be forwarded to Mohawk College for student assistance.
- Timing of project: Spring 2019 (when the weather is more favourable).

The committee discussed providing print materials including a “Frequently Asked Questions” document.

J. Bowen will contact Communications to determine if there is a resource internally that could assist with the video portion of the project.

iii. Bus Stop Audit & Design

There is a representative from HSR attending the November meeting to discuss bus shelter design.

The Committee is scheduled to visit the bus shelters at the Mountain Transit Terminal on October 12, 2018 at 2:00pm.

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.

1. There should be push locks in the bathrooms (accessible washrooms)
2. Inclusion of a tactile strip at the top of steps
3. Decals on glass doors
4. Reflective Tape on the railing from Main street into Forecourt
5. The automatic motion sensor for the toilet flush on the first-floor accessible bathroom does not work properly.

The committee proposed the following motion to be sent to ACPD:

Outstanding Items from the Accessibility Review of City Hall (Item 5.1)

WHEREAS, Members of the Built Environment Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities conducted an Accessibility Review in 2016;

WHEREAS, Staff responded to several of the items presented by the committee after the review; and

WHEREAS, there were a few outstanding items that Committee members identified as needing to be addressed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following accessibility improvements be made at City Hall:

- push locks in the accessible washrooms at City Hall. 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;
- Inclusion of decals with a higher colour contrast on all glass doors at City Hall; and
- Reflective tape on the railing from Main Street into the City Hall Forecourt

i. Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns

The Committee is interested in understanding what tool or tools are being used by Social Housing to generate an inventory of housing.

ii. Washroom Accessibility

iii. Urban Braille/Curbing at Intersections

The Committee invited Mike Becke to attend the next BEWG meeting to discuss Urban Braille.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of educating residents about Urban Braille (what it is and how it is used).

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018