



Hamilton

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Built Environment Working Group
February 5, 2019, 4:00pm – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

Present: Mary Sinclair (Chair), Al Nicolls, Tom Manzuk, Tim Murphy, Paula Kilburn, Patty Cameron.

Absent with Regrets: Terri Wallis, Aznive Mallet

Also Present: Betsy Pocop, Diversity & Inclusion
Jessica Bowen, Diversity & Inclusion

Land Acknowledgement

1. Changes to the Agenda

(T. Murphy/A.Nicolls)

That the agenda of February 5, 2019 be approved as amended.

Addition of Items:

- 6.1** Summers Lane Update
- 6.2** Pier 8 Update

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

(T. Murphy/A.Nicolls)

That the minutes of the January 8, 2018 be approved as amended.

Amendment:

P. Kilburn and P. Cameron absent with regrets.

3. Presentations

No presentations scheduled.

4. Discussion Items

i. Tour of Facilities

The Committee identified three additional tour requests:

- 1) First Ontario Concert Hall- Accessible washrooms in the dressing room area for performers and backstage for stage hands
- 2) Courthouse on John and Main Street
- 3) Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre

ii. Accessible Pedestrian Signals (update)

Jeff Cornwell, Project Manager of traffic signals provided the following information regarding the Accessible Pedestrian Signals:

- 2013-2018 there has been a standardized signal
- Prior to 2013, there was no audible feature available
- December 31, 2018, standardization ran out and a competitive bidding process will occur for new units

- There are currently 164 intersections that have APS
- That number will increase to 202 by the end of 2019.
- The cost to install an APS signal is \$10,000
- There is a yearly budget of \$150,000 per year to retrofit existing intersections
- If there is a change in the APS product based on the manufacturer that means the signal will be different at different intersections.

Jeff explained that the signals operate as follows:

1 press will activate the red light to cross

1 press and hold for 5 second activates the audible tone

The tone is louder during traffic and weather events (i.e. wind)

Committee members accompanied J.Cornwell to an active signal outside of City Hall to demonstrate how the signals function. Committee members shared some of the challenges that they experienced activating the lights including that the location of the signals on the poles can be extremely close to the road potentially creating a safety issue for those with visual limitations who may be unaware of how close they are to live traffic lanes. Members also cited that the pressure needed to hold the button for extended periods of time can be challenging for individuals who do not have the strength to do so.

J. Cornwell advised that he would investigate the possibility of reduce the hold time from 5 seconds to 2 seconds.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding the proposed video project for the Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

iii. Bus Stop Audit & Design

No update at this time.

- iv. **MacNab Street Terminal Deficiency Audit**
No update at this time.
- v. **Social Housing Accessibility Issues & Concerns**
No update at this time.
- vi. **Washroom Accessibility**
No update at this time.
- vii. **Urban Braille/Curbing at Intersections**
No update at this time
- viii. **Housing and Built Environment Working Group**
The item should remain on the agenda for the new ACPD to decide if the merge should occur.

5. Other Business

5.1 Pier 8

The committee requests that a City representative speak with the group about Pier 8.

5.2 Summers Lane

The committee requests that a City representative speak with the group about change occurring at Summers lane.

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: March 5, 2019 at 4:00pm in Room 192.