



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

Report 19-008

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), J. Cardno (Vice-Chair), S. Aaron,
L. Dingman, A. Frisina, J. Hawker, C. McBride, M.
McNeil, T. Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Nolan and A.
Wilson

Absent
with regrets: S. Geffros

Also Present: J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion

**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 19-008 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Installation of Urban Braille along Cannon Street East at the Intersections of Wellington Street North, Catherine Street North, and John Street North (Item 7.1)**

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of Cannon Street between James Street North and Sherman Avenue North

commenced in May 2019 and involves road resurfacing, Cycle Track improvements, and improvements to pedestrian safety measures;

WHEREAS, Urban Braille is a system of tactile information serving the needs of the visually impaired and blind by using both colour and texture contrast to provide warning signals and clues related to orientation;

WHEREAS, Mike Becke, Senior Project Manager, Public Works, attended the Built Environment Working Group meeting of November 6, 2018 and provided an update respecting the City of Hamilton's Urban Braille system;

WHEREAS, the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of November 6, 2018, were received by the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities on January 15, 2019 (Item (e)(i) of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 19-001), but no Motion was made to request the inclusion of Urban Braille objectives in the plans for the Cannon Street reconstruction;

WHEREAS, a number of people with disabilities live in the Cannon Street area (especially with visual limitations); and,

WHEREAS, Urban Braille was not installed at three dangerous intersections along Cannon Street East;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works staff be requested to examine and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities on the feasibility of installing Urban Braille on Cannon Street East at the intersections of

Wellington Street North, Catherine Street North, and John Street North; and,

- (b) That there be uniformity/continuity in the maintenance of major intersections, in accordance with *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, standards (as at the intersection of Rymal Road West and West 5th Street, Hamilton).

2. Background Information and Past Activities of the Outreach Working Group (Item 7.3)

WHEREAS, the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, and Terri Wallis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, Terri Wallis, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to provide background information on the Outreach Working Group's mandate and past activities.

3. Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group believes that it would be beneficial for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to investigate the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in neighbouring municipalities like Kitchener;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved to travel to neighbouring municipalities to investigate and compare Light Rail Transit (LRT) systems, with the transportation costs to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2018 approved budget for conferences and related travel expenses, to an upset limit of \$1,000:

- (i) Shahan Aaron
- (ii) Jayne Cardno
- (iii) Anthony Frisina
- (iv) John Hawker
- (v) Aznive Mallet
- (vi) Mark McNeil

4. Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit (Added Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Manager of Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manager of Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current implementation and use of signage that would encourage sensitivity towards all persons with disabilities, including those that use mobility devices, on City transit.

5. Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update (Added Item 11.3)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Manager of Licensing and By-law Services, or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manager of Licensing and By-law Services, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to provide an update on the accessible taxi cab incentive program.

6. Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares (Added Item 11.4)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate, and the Manager, Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate, and the Manager, Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss an advance/pre-pay system for DARTS fares.

7. Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton (Added Item 11.5)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of Terri Wallis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Terri Wallis be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current accessibility challenges of public transit in the City of Hamilton.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

7.4(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - August 27, 2019

7.7(a) Community Safety Working Group Meeting Notes - September 3, 2019

2. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

12.2 Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit

12.3 Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update

12.4 Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares

12.5 Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

10.1 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

4. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

13.1 Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

That the agenda for the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) August 13, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 7.1)

J. Cardno indicated that quorum was not achieved at the Built Environment Working Group meeting scheduled on September 3, 2019.

J. Cardno advised the Committee that the Built Environment Working Group workplan includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review of accessibility features at various City facilities (i.e. Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre);
- Review of accessibility features on Locke Street, between Main Street West and Stanley Avenue, as reconstruction work is completed;
- Review of accessibility features at John Rebecca Park upon completion of construction;
- Seasonal maintenance of sidewalks, bike paths, curb cuts, metal plates on sidewalks and walkways, bus stops and shelters;
- Recognizing local area restaurants with accessible entranceways and washrooms via a certificate program; and,
- Inclusion of facility accessibility features in the annual publications of various City arts facilities.

The verbal update from J. Cardno, respecting the Built Environment Working Group, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, see Item 1.

(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 7.2)

The Committee considered merging the Housing Issues Working Group together with the Built Environment Working Group. The Housing Issues Working Group will now meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 3:30p.m. – 4:00p.m., immediately preceding the Built Environment Working Group meeting.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

For disposition of this matter, see Item 2.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of August 27, 2019 (Added Item 7.4(a)), were received.

For further disposition of this matter, see Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

(v) Wheelchair and Scooter Safety Working Group Update (Item 7.5)

No update.

(vi) Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group Update (Item 7.6)

A. Wilson indicated that the meeting schedule for the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group is being finalized and preliminary discussions respecting the Working Group's scope and workplan have taken place. The scope of Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group includes assessing the impact of

climate emergencies, such as extreme weather events, on persons with disabilities and evaluating the City of Hamilton's emergency preparedness and response plans to ensure that they are inclusive of persons with disabilities.

The workplan includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review of relevant City policies and bylaws (i.e. Adequate Heat By-law);
- Host a community forum/engagement event to identify the concerns of disabled Hamiltonians regarding extreme weather events and climate change; and,
- Develop partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders, such as Environment Hamilton and the Disability Justice Network of Ontario.

The verbal update from A. Wilson, respecting the Disability Justice and Climate Crisis Working Group, was received.

(vii) Community Safety Working Group Update (Item 7.7)

The Community Safety Working Group Meeting Notes of September 3, 2019 (Added Item 7.7(a)), were received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

- (i) 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 10.1)**

J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, provided the Committee with a draft 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

Committee members were asked to consider their budget requirements for 2020 at the next meeting.

The verbal update from J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, respecting the 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was received.

The 2020 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will be included on the October 8, 2019 meeting agenda for consideration.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 11.1)

The upset limit in recommendation (a) was increased from \$500 to \$1,000, as follows:

- (a) That the following Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved to travel to neighbouring municipalities to investigate and compare Light Rail Transit (LRT) systems, with the transportation costs to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2018 approved budget for

conferences and related travel expenses, to an upset limit of ~~\$500~~ **\$1,000**:

- (i) To be determined
- (ii) To be determined
- (iii) To be determined
- (iv) To be determined

Recommendation (a) was further amended to add the names of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities members, as follows:

- (i) ~~To be determined~~ **Shahan Aaron**
- (ii) ~~To be determined~~ **Jayne Cardno**
- (iii) ~~To be determined~~ **Anthony Frisina**
- (iv) ~~To be determined~~ **John Hawker**
- (v) **Aznive Mallet**
- (vi) **Mark McNeil**

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(ii) Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit (Added Item 11.2)

The recommendation was amended to provide clarity to the resolution, as follows:

That the Manager of Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current implementation and use of ~~accessible~~ signage **that would encourage sensitivity towards all persons with disabilities,**

including those that use mobility devices, on City transit.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

(iii) Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares (Added Item 11.4)

The whereas statement and recommendation was amended to include the Manager, Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate, ***and the Manager, Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate;***

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Executive Director of DARTS, or their designate, ***and the Manager, Customer Experience and Innovation (Transit Division), or their designate,*** be invited to attend a future meeting of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss an advance/pre-pay system for DARTS fares.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 12.1)

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting the Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items (f)(i) and 3.

(ii) Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit (Added Item 12.2)

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting the Implementation and Use of Accessible Signage on City Transit.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items (f)(ii) and 4.

(iii) Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update (Added Item 12.3)

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting an Accessible Taxi Cab Incentive Program Update.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(iv) Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares (Added Item 12.4)

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting an Advance/Pre-Pay System for DARTS Fares.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items (f)(iii) and 6.

(v) Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton (Added Item 12.5)

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting Current Accessibility Challenges of Public Transit in the City of Hamilton.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 13.1)

J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, advised that the Committee has invited the following presenters to attend future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

- A representative of Community Living Hamilton
- A representative of Community Para-Med
- A representative of LHIN Home and Community Care (formerly Community Care Access Centre Hamilton)
- Sarah Jama, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- Director of Housing Services
- Emergency Management Staff
- Donna Skelly, MPP Flamborough-Glanbrook

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, Mary Sinclair, and Robert Semkow;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, Mary Sinclair, and Robert Semkow be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to provide an overview of the Committee's past activities.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

That there being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk