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From: Tidal Waves Hamilton <tidalwaveshamilton@gmail.com>

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To: Alicia Davenport

Subject: Speaker for Tidal Waves Hamilton Conference

Hi Alicia Davenport,

Tidal Waves Hamilton is a McMaster Students Union club that provides free, accessible, tailored one-on-one swim lessons, by highly qualified swim instructors from McMaster University, to adults with disabilities. We strive to ensure that the lessons are enjoyable, safe and most importantly, beneficial for the swimmers.

We are organizing a speaker panel along with round table discussions and a networking opportunity at the end focusing on understanding the long-term challenges and barriers that individuals with disabilities face in Hamilton. Our round table discussions include talking about ways to address these barriers as well as possible improvements to our organizing in creating more awareness, reaching more adults with disabilities, finding alternative private pools that are closer to McMaster University for instructors, and increasing funds to maintain offering free swim lessons. We would like a committee member from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to provide a 15-minute speech on the current profile and statistics of individuals with disabilities in Hamilton and barriers that they face.

This event will take place tentatively on Monday, March 2nd from 6pm-8 at McMaster Innovation Park. Thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Kind Regards,

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