

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Virtual - WebEx

Attendance: Shahan Aaron (Chair), Mark McNeil (Co-Chair),
Paula Kilburn, Kim Nolan, Tim Nolan, Tom Manzuk, James Kemp

Regrets: Mary Sinclair, Tim Murphy, Aznive Mallett

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome & Introduction / Approval of Agenda
Kim / Tom
2. Review of Meeting Notes – February 25th
James / Mark
3. Recap of what was done at the beginning of 2020
January & February 2020
4. Other Business
Tanya Detmar, HSR
Wants to gather feedback from the TWG in relation to the design of a combination Bus Stop Pole/Bench at HSR bus stops. The following was provided
 - Upside down T shape design
 - Use in rural area

- At this time, it is a prototype
 - Folding might be a good option
- Right color for people with vision loss
 - Tactile surface
- Having display at the right height
 - Second display with passenger related information
- Recommended: Make it foldable. Have varying seat length.

Mark / Tom

5. Discussion Items

a. Transportation Issues due to COVID-19

- Lack of communication
- People who took HSR didn't know what was happening
- Lack of driver being able to access the back door
- AODA requires that the operator assists a person with a disability
- DARTS was mandated to pick up HSR passengers
- Walkers were not accommodated for
- Somebody somewhere made a unilateral decision without consulting the ACPD
- They defied the AODA law
- Send motion to council outlining the AODA to let committees know that they need to communicate
- Persons with disabilities don't have a seat at table when discussing policies for COVID-19

- Due to the lack of communication the City made decision that segregated against people with disabilities
- The City wasn't even thinking of people with disabilities
- The City contravened the AODA
- Using DARTS was an after thought for the city
- Be part of emergency planning
- Appropriate and timely consultation and kept in the loop
- We're a legislated committee

b. E-Scooters

- Rental Electric kick style scooters
- No by-laws in the City yet
- The province left it up to the cities to make the allowance
- The companies are not taking responsibility for clean up
- They are not licensed for use
- Recommendations: Outline all the issues with e-scooters. Before the Council permits, the risk to persons with disabilities is taken into account. ACPD should be consulted.
- Amend the motion to clear language
- Tom: include e-bikes. Ministry of transportation, provincial issues. The horn of e-bike and audible crossings have same sound.
- Tim Nolan to review the motion and send it out.

c. Taxi Scrips

- Sale stopped during pandemic

- Increase the month limit of \$72
- Contact: ATS – Allie or Michelle Martin

6. Discussion of Agenda Items for next meeting

- Taxi scrips, e-scooter, Tom & Tim going to GIC, Mark Mindorff, Michelle Martin, Discussion of systemic implemented by city
- Over the last few year, a systemic process has been used supress ACPD. They have been trying to repress the committee systemically.
- Disability Justice Network might be a resource
- Audit of DARTS – Charles Brown
- Contact Alicia to check if the motion regarding Audit of DARTS has gone through

7. Adjournment by Shahan Aaron at 5:28 pm