

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: December 8, 2020

**MOVED BY T. NOLAN**.....

**SECONDED BY K. NOLAN**.....

### **HSR / ATS / DARTS Passenger Policies for Persons with Disabilities (City Wide)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton as the municipality with oversight and obligation for delivery of accessible transportation services according to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) regulations (O. Reg. 191/11: INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS);

WHEREAS, AODA regulations require that organizations and municipalities establish policies respecting the needs of persons with disabilities (O. Reg. 191/11: INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS);

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has worked with Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) of the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) over the past 17 years to formulate accessible passenger policies in support of passengers with disabilities and the ATS and Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation System (DARTS) services;

WHEREAS, these policies have been approved by Council in years previous;

WHEREAS, there have been many staffing changes in the HSR and ATS and member changes on the ACPD since these policies were last reviewed by City Council and these changes reflect differing and new ways of thinking about accessible transportation services delivery to persons with disabilities in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is a commitment within AODA and ODA legislation that the province of Ontario be fully accessible by the year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the effect of the Covid-19 virus upon the delivery of transportation services to persons with disabilities throughout 2020 and its effect upon passengers with disabilities, ATS, DARTS and the HSR has been significant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) The Advisory Committee for persons with Disabilities respectfully request that City Council direct staff of the HSR and ATS to work directly to review and amend the full slate of existing policies, and compose a full slate of new policies in compliance with AODA requirements;
- (b) That these policies upon their completion be forwarded to City Council for review and adoption;
- (c) That HSR and ATS staff fully assist ACPD in this policy review and composition including staffing and resource allocation; and,
- (d) That these policies be reviewed by the HSR and ATS staff in consultation with ACPD regularly, and at the very least every 5 (five) years in order that these policies remain current.