## **CITY OF HAMILTON**

## ΜΟΤΙΟΝ

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities: February 9, 2021

MOVED BY A. MALLETT.....

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## Council Representation on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Chair's letter to the Mayor (attached as Appendix "A"), respecting Council Representation on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration.



City of Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 4Y5 Appendix "A" to Motion respecting Council Representation on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Page 1 of 1

Sent via electronic mail: no hard copy to follow.

February 9, 2021

E-mailed to: mayor@hamilton.ca

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

On behalf of the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, I am writing to express our strong desire for a Council representative to serve on the Committee, together with continued support from the Mayor's Office.

Persons with disabilities face unique and heightened challenges and vulnerabilities, especially in a time of pandemic. This necessitates a disability inclusive approach to government decision-making and action. The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has been without a Council representative since May 22, 2019 and we feel that the presence of a Council representative on the Committee would be of great value and mutual benefit to both the Committee and Council.

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, which is mandated under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), exists to identify and raise awareness about the barriers that impact the lives of persons with disabilities, and to make recommendations to the City of Hamilton on how to prevent and eliminates barriers. We wish to help shape Hamilton into an inclusive community where all people can live, work, play and participate fully, free from barriers or discrimination.

Our collective efforts have yielded great outcomes in addressing the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities and we wish to continue in this direction under your guidance.

Sincerely,