



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
REPORT 21-003**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall,
this meeting was held virtually.**

Present: A. Mallet (Chair), P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair), S. Aaron,
P. Cameron, J. Cardno, M. Dent, L. Dingman,
A. Frisina, S. Geffros, J. Kemp, T. Manzuk,
C. McBride, M. McNeil, T. Murphy, K. Nolan and
T. Nolan

Absent

with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger – City Business
M. Sinclair

Also Present: J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion
C. Cutler, Advisor to the Mayor (on behalf of Mayor
F. Eisenberger)

**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 21-003 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Built Environment Working Group Work Plan (Added Item 7.1(a))

That the Built Environment Working Group Work Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, be approved.

2. Membership Changes to the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.2(b))

(a) That the resignation of Michele Dent from the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received; and,

(b) That Robert Semkow be appointed to the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 Term of Council.

3. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Logo (Item 7.3(a))

WHEREAS, in an effort to educate the public regarding the role and function of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) with respect to City Council, the ACPD has begun designing a pamphlet/brochure to be distributed throughout the City at various community centres. To that end, the ACPD has designed a logo for the Council’s consideration;

WHEREAS, the most well-known symbol that represents persons with disabilities is the wheelchair symbol. While it has recently had a small facelift in the form of the Dynamic Symbol of Access, many people feel that it creates a false

impression of disability; that the only disability that people need to make allowances for are those in wheelchairs and other similar mobility devices. It is for this reason that we do not feel that it is inclusive enough to represent all persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, in an effort to be inclusive and encompass all disabilities we have looked for a symbol that represents all disabilities. The Universal symbol of Access is simply a representation of a person, with legs slightly spread and arms raised fractionally. It originated as the symbol for web accessibility, but it is becoming the more accepted symbol of universal accessibility. The reason for this is that it conveys the need for accommodation without placing judgement on the disabilities that require them;

WHEREAS, the ACPD will ensure that we follow all requirements when placing said logo; i.e. ensuring that it is always located to the right of the City of Hamilton logo and ensuring that it does not exceed the size of said logo; and,

WHEREAS, the logo presented for consideration is in a grayscale, we would ask for permission to alter its colours to possibly represent various disabilities with future use. For example, we would have made it purple last year to represent persons with invisible disabilities on International Persons with Disabilities Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities logo, attached as Appendix “B” to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, to be used in outreach efforts in the community alongside the City of Hamilton logo (in accordance with the City of Hamilton Brand

Guidelines), be forwarded to the Governance Review Sub-Committee for consideration.

4. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report (deferred from the February 9, 2021 meeting) (Item 10.1)

That the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report, be received.

5. Long-Term COVID-19 Related Issues for Persons with Disabilities (Item 10.3)

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, be invited to attend the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss long-term COVID-19 related issues.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1(a) Built Environment Working Group Work Plan

7.4(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes
– February 23, 2021

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.4 Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee Meeting Update

11. MOTIONS

- 11.1 Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member(s) to Delegate on a Forthcoming City Staff Report respecting Permitting and Regulating Commercial Operators of E-scooters

The agenda for the March 9, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) February 9, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the February 9, 2021 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)

Chris King, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Systems, and Mike Gladysz, Acting Senior Project

Manager, Capital, attended the Built Environment Working Group meeting on March 2, 2021 to discuss accessible pedestrian signals and accessible washrooms respectively.

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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

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

**(a) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes
– January 19, 2021 (Item 7.2(a))**

The Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of January 19, 2021, were received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

No update.

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

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

**(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes
– February 23, 2021 (Added Item 7.4(a))**

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of February 23, 2021, were received.

(v) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 7.5)

No update.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

**(i) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report
(deferred from the February 9, 2021 meeting) (Item
10.1)**

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed Committee respecting a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report.

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

**(ii) Clarification of Outstanding Business List Item
2016-C (Item 10.2)**

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed Committee respecting clarification of Outstanding Business List Item 2016-C.

The title of Outstanding Business List Item 2016-C will be updated from 'Request for an Accessibility Audit Update from Housing Services' to 'Accessibility Tour Status Updates' to accurately reflect the issue.

The discussion, respecting Clarification of Outstanding Business List Item 2016-C, was received.

(iii) Overview of Delegation to the General Issues Committee respecting COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities (Item 10.3)

Tom Manzuk and Tim Nolan attended the General Issues Committee meeting on February 17, 2021 and delegated on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities.

Item 2 of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-001, respecting an Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities, was amended to read as follows (see Items (f)(ii) and 4(b) of General Issues Committee Report 21-004 for reference):

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to ensure the appropriate staff consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities when developing future pandemic plans, policies and procedures, when possible and appropriate, with the understanding that Public Health Services and the City's Emergency Operations Centre hold the safety and well-being of the public as paramount.

The discussion, respecting an Overview of Delegation to the General Issues Committee respecting COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities, was received.

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

(iv) Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee Meeting Update (Added Item 10.4)

Tom Manzuk attended a recent meeting of the Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee on the Chair's behalf

and reported that many issues were discussed including, but not limited to, e-scooters and e-bikes.

The verbal update, respecting the Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee Meeting, was received.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member(s) to Delegate on a Forthcoming City Staff Report respecting Permitting and Regulating Commercial Operators of E-scooters (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, a City staff report respecting permitting and regulating commercial operators of e-scooters is tentatively scheduled to be included on the April 9, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting agenda;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Hamilton respectfully requested that City Council ban the use of electric and commercial rental electric scooters on all City roads, sidewalks, pathways and in all other areas of the City until such time that electric scooters, particularly commercial rental electric scooters, and their operators are trained, licensed, insured and are fully and completely regulated by the province of Ontario in the same manner as any other motor vehicle in the province of Ontario (see Item 5 of ACPD Report 20-007 for reference). This request was referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for consideration with respect to additional locations where e-scooters may be permitted to operate, and for consideration in developing a

forthcoming report respecting commercial e-scooter operations (see Item 3(c) of General Issues Committee Report 21-003);

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requested that Hamilton City Council require acoustic vehicle alerting systems to be installed on all e-scooters (Kick Scooters) that operate within the City of Hamilton (see Item 7 of ACPD Report 20-007 for reference). This request was referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for consideration with respect to additional locations where e-scooters may be permitted to operate, and for consideration in developing a forthcoming report respecting commercial e-scooter operations (see Item 3(e) of General Issues Committee Report 21-003); and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has a vested interest in the matter of permitting and regulating commercial operators of e-scooters in Hamilton and wishes to ensure that they have the opportunity to delegate (if deemed necessary) upon the release of the staff report;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That James Kemp be authorized to delegate at the Public Works Committee on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting a forthcoming City staff report respecting permitting and regulating commercial operators of e-scooters.

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

**(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton
(Item 13.1)**

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, advised that a total of 10 accessibility complaints were received in January and February 2021, primarily in relation to seasonal events such as snow removal.

The verbal update, respecting Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton, was received.

(ii) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 11.2)*

No update.

(iii) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.3)

No changes to the presenters list for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were required.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk