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ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Virtual Webex Meeting

4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Those present: Shahan Aaron, Aznive Mallett, Jayne Cardno,
Tom Manzuk, Patty Cameron, James Kemp

Those Absent: Anthony Frisina, Paula Kilburn

Also Present: Taline Morris, Chris King, Mike Gladysz

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of agenda
3. APS presentation with Chris King: Mr. King brought us a list of APS intersections installed in the 2020 year and those planned for the 2021 season. He discussed how the reduced budget has affected the project. Mr. King asked us how the current list was chosen and expressed interest in working closer with us to ensure that what limited funds that he has access to are put to use most efficiently. When he mentioned that the signals could be chosen in future that have possible different features than those in current use, Mr. Kemp asked if it would be possible to program the button to give the disabled a little more time crossing the street when depressed. He admitted that it was possible, but warned that it may be a much bigger issue than it first appears. He promised only to look into it in the future.
4. Accessible Public Washroom presentation and discussion with Mike Gladysz: Mr. Gladysz brought us an inventory of all public washrooms. He also asked for clarification what

our end goals are in regards to this. We explained that we are looking for a searchable list that explains where the accessible washrooms are and to what degree. It was agreed that the BEWG would try and triage the list and prioritize which ones should be assessed first; while Mike and his staff would try and define the criteria for our review.

5. BEWG terms of reference or “work plan”: We discussed the Terms of Reference that Tom submitted for review. The biggest points of friction were regarding the format of the document. Most were in agreement that the essence of the document was very good. There was concern that the mandate was too broad and the document should be abridged, but the majority was happy with it. Shahan and Tom will do a little more polishing and bring it back.
6. Curb cuts and Sidewalk Vaults: we deferred the discussion on this issue until a later date.
7. Other business: The end of our meeting involved a number of topics, mainly, what we wanted to discuss at future meetings, but also of importance, we emphasized that the working groups have absolutely no staff support and that member participation is essential if we are going to be effective in our future endeavours.
8. Adjournment