



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
REPORT 21-005**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 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, and
R. Semkow

Absent

with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger – City Business
K. Nolan, T. Nolan and M. Sinclair

Also Present: J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion
C. Cutler, Advisor to the Mayor

**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 21-005 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Invitation to the Director of Housing Services to Discuss
Accessible Housing Matters (Item 7.2(b))**

WHEREAS, the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Director of Housing Services, or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of Housing Services, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss accessible housing matters including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (i) Reviewing and improving the Housing Application Process;
 - (ii) Confirming that the City's goal of 20% accessible housing has been achieved and identification of the minimum criteria required to be considered accessible;
 - (iii) Information regarding the modular housing project, including its level of accessibility;
 - (iv) The plan in place when there is a loss of accessible housing due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a building fire; and,
 - (v) The measures that the City is taking to ensure that future social housing incorporates 20% accessibility during this housing crisis.

2. Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenters (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee recommended that an All Advisory Committee Event be hosted for the purpose of providing City Advisory Committees with an opportunity to introduce themselves to one another and educate each other in terms of their respective Committee's purpose (mandate) and goals;

WHEREAS, an All Advisory Committee Event was approved by Hamilton City Council on April 14, 2021 (see Item 4 of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-005 for reference);

WHEREAS, at the All Advisory Committee Event, each Advisory Committee will be allotted 5 minutes to introduce their respective Committee's purpose (mandate) and discuss the successes and the challenges the Advisory Committee has experienced; and,

WHEREAS, the staff liaisons for each Advisory Committee met and mutually agreed upon a tentative date for the All Advisory Committee Event;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed date of Monday, September 27, 2021, commencing at 4:00 p.m., for the All Advisory Committee Event be approved; and,
- (b) That Aznive Mallett and James Kemp be authorized to represent the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the All Advisory Committee Event and

deliver a 5 minute presentation on the Committee's behalf respecting the Committee's purpose (mandate), successes and challenges.

3. Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member(s) to Delegate on a Forthcoming City Staff Report respecting Accessible Captioning of Committee Meetings (Added Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, a City staff report respecting accessible captioning of Committee meetings is tentatively scheduled to be included on the May 20, 2021 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has a vested interest in the matter of accessible captioning of Committee meetings 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 Paula Kilburn be authorized to delegate at the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting a forthcoming City staff report respecting accessible captioning of Committee meetings.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

11. MOTIONS

- 11.2 Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member(s) to Delegate on a Forthcoming City Staff Report respecting Accessible Captioning of Committee Meetings

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

That the Staff Presentation listed on the agenda as Item 8.1, respecting Commercial E-Scooters Operations, be moved up on the agenda to be considered following the Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The agenda for the May 11, 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) April 13, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, ***as amended, to include Robert Semkow in the attendance.***

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 7.1)

HSR is piloting a prototype combination of a bus stop pole and a bench for customer seating as a potential solution for existing bus stops where conventional benches cannot be installed due to a lack of space. HSR staff will be attending the Built Environment Working Group meeting in June to discuss the Working Group's concerns around these pole and bench combinations.

On April 28, 2021, Hamilton City Council approved a plan to clear an additional 783 km of sidewalk along transit routes, starting in the winter of 2022/2023. City staff will be reporting back to the Public Works Committee with an implementation plan.

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

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

(a) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – March 16, 2021 (Item 7.2(a))

The Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of March 16, 2021, were received.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

The Outreach Working Group is focused on the development of an informational pamphlet on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to be

used in outreach efforts in the community, as well as an event calendar highlighting disability and accessibility-related dates.

The verbal update, respecting the Outreach Working Group, was received.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

**(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes
– April 27, 2021 (Item 7.4(a))**

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of April 27, 2021, were received.

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

No update.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Commercial E-Scooters Operations (Item 8.1)

Peter Topalovic, Program Manager – Sustainable Mobility, addressed Committee respecting Commercial E-Scooters Operations.

Brian Hollingworth, Director, Transportation Planning and Parking, was also present and assisted in answering questions of Committee on this matter.

The presentation, respecting Commercial E-Scooters Operations, was received.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Feedback on New Council and Committee Meeting Calendar on City's Website (Item 10.1)

Alicia Davenport, Legislative Coordinator, reviewed the New Council and Committee Meeting Calendar on the City's Website with the Committee and requested feedback on its accessibility.

The Committee indicated that there were no issues with the new Council and Committee meeting calendar on the City's website in terms of accessibility, but the navigation pathway to access the webpage should be simplified.

The verbal update, respecting Feedback on New Council and Committee Meeting Calendar on City's Website, was received.

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

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

No update.

(ii) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 13.2)*

The Health Care Standards Development Committee has released initial recommendations for proposed updated accessibility standards for hospitals. As required under the act, the report has been made available for public comment. An online survey is

available until August 11, 2021 to share feedback on the recommendations.

The verbal update, respecting an *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update*, was received.

(iii) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 13.3)

The General Manager of Healthy & Safe Communities, or their designate, was removed from the Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the purposes of discussing Long-Term COVID-19 Related Issues for Persons with Disabilities as this was completed (addressed as Item (f)(i) on Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-004).

(iv) Reimagining the Residential Care Facility Model in Hamilton (Added Item 13.4)

Lance Dingman advised Committee that the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, the Residential Care Facility Tenants' Coalition and the Community University Policy Alliance on Gender Based Homelessness at McMaster University are hosting a virtual community-visioning session to reimagine the promise and potential of the Residential Care Facility (RCF) model on June 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The verbal update, respecting Reimagining the Residential Care Facility Model in Hamilton, was received.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk