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

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Virtual Webex Meeting

4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Those in attendance: James Kemp, Anthony Frisina, Shahan Aaron, Tom Manzuk, Aznive Mallett, Paula Kilburn

Also in attendance: Mike Gladysz, Tanya Detmar, Taline Morris.

Those Absent: Jayne Cardno, Patty Cameron

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Receive Agenda: the agenda was accepted with a small change of the chair nomination being moved to after the presentations.
3. Receive Meeting Notes from May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021: James apologized for not having them ready but promised to have them done soon.
4. Accessible Washrooms and Deficiency List with Mike Gladysz: Mike began by discussing the issue of measurements on the criteria list. It was pointed out that it would be difficult to do and not necessarily helpful to people, but it was mentioned that the group had already discussed that issue and that it was decided that for now, the best thing would be to reference whether it was built according to the OBC or the Guidelines. Anthony had questions regarding the maintenance and repair of the washrooms. Mike responded that they were at the responsibility of the building managers and all questions regarding said maintenance is solely in their purview, not his department.

Mr. Gladysz also discussed the deficiencies list for City Hall as well. He mentioned that a colleague would be getting permission to enter the facility to look at the list and see how they could be addressed. Paula suggested that the carpets be removed from the hallway by the elevators so people could contrast from the background. Anthony suggested that the podium could be hydraulically operated so that both the podium and the person behind it could be raised or lowered. James suggested a light sensor instead of the rumble strip at the top of the stairs and the Chair went old school by suggesting we simply use double sided tape. It was also suggested that the coloured dots on the windows could be updated with better placement and different colours.

5. **Bus Pole Seating Project with Tanya Detmar:** Tanya returned to us after the initial rollout of the bench pole seats so that we could address some concerns and answer questions. It was suggested that it needs to be raised, but we couldn't give a definitive answer on what was the optimal height. There was some concerns regarding the markings and how it blends into the surroundings. There was an issue with the handle placement. It was moved to the front because people wanted to lean their backs against the poles, but the new placement makes it too awkward for some to be useful. James suggested putting them at a forty five degree angle so that both needs could be met. Placement was also an issue as people were concerned about them in the furniture zone as well as with proximity to the road. One seat or Ell shaped configurations were suggested. The benches are unable to hinge out of the way because of pinching concerns. It was also suggested that the stool

like seating bars used in some larger shelters could also be of use in this context.

6. Capital Projects: There are some questions on what we are going to look at since the projects have yet to be started.
7. Barrier Free Guidelines: The Chair explained the Gap Analysis to some members, that it is supposed to highlight the deficiencies from the first guideline to the more updated edition.
8. BEWG Terms of Reference: Paula mentioned that the Terms of Reference (now referred to as the BEWG Work Plan) was rejected and sent back for review. There was some concern that regarding our mention of Architecture. James suggested it might simply be an issue of switching the wording to engineering. The Chair reminded us that our first attempt was intentionally broad and that we would revisit it at a future meeting.
9. Adjournment