



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
REPORT 21-009**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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

Present: T. Nolan (Acting Chair), S. Aaron, P. Cameron,
J. Cardno, M. Dent, L. Dingman, A. Frisina,
J. Kemp, T. Manzuk, M. McNeil, K. Nolan and
R. Semkow

Absent

with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger
A. Mallet (Chair), P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair),
S. Geffros and T. Murphy

Also Present: C. Cutler, Advisor to the Mayor

**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 21-009 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Correspondence from Andrea McDowell, City of
Hamilton, respecting Invitation to Climate Change
Impact Adaptation Plan - Vision, Goals and
Objectives Workshop (Added Item 4.1)**

- (a) That the correspondence from Andrea McDowell, City of Hamilton, respecting an Invitation to the Climate Change Impact Adaptation Plan - Vision, Goals and Objectives Workshop, be received; and,
- (b) That Mark McNeil, or another designated Committee member, be approved to represent the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the Climate Change Impact Adaptation Plan - Vision, Goals and Objectives Workshop.

2. Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member to Submit a Delegation Request to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (Item 6.1(c))

That Paula Kilburn and Tom Manzuk (alternate) be authorized to submit a delegation request to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, respecting the integration of accessibility in heritage properties.

3. Printing and Distribution of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' 2021 Disability Awareness Calendar (Added Item 6.3(b))

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' 2021 Disability Awareness Calendar was approved by the General Issues Committee on September 8, 2021 (see Item 3 of General Issues Committee Report 21-017 for reference), and will be before Council for ratification on September 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Disability Awareness Calendar generates awareness to a wide variety of annual health, disability

awareness and inclusion campaigns and includes various disability awareness dates and commemorative observance days, weeks and months;

WHEREAS, International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being observed on December 3, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, in lieu of a public event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities would like to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities by distributing hard copies of the 2021 Disability Awareness Calendar to various stakeholders for the purposes of highlighting the diversity of all disabilities and the special events designated to inform the public about them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the costs, to an upset limit of \$300, for printing and distributing 100 copies of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' 2021 Disability Awareness Calendar, to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2021 Budget, be approved.

4. Funding for ASL Interpreting Services for Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable (Added Item 6.4(b))

WHEREAS, Council approved the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to organize and host a virtual collaborative roundtable meeting in 2021, with key stakeholders and staff experts, to discuss changes and challenges to public transportation in Hamilton during the pandemic and beyond

(see Item 6(a) of General Issues Committee Report 21-010 for reference);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's virtual meeting software was approved for an upgrade to implement closed captioning and live streaming through the City's website for all Advisory Committee meetings through the acquisition of an additional encoder from eSCRIBE Software Ltd. (see Item 4 of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-008 for reference); and,

WHEREAS, if the virtual meeting software upgrade isn't completed in time to allow for closed captioning of the virtual collaborative roundtable meeting, then American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services will help to ensure that the meeting is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing audience members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities allocate funding to an upset limit of \$1,000 from their 2021 budget to support the cost of two American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters for the Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021.

5. Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 12.3)

(a) Invitation to David Lepofsky to Present to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

WHEREAS, David Lepofsky is a life-long disability rights advocate, blind lawyer, and Chair of the

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance; and,

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Ontario Government passed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) to make Ontario accessible by 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That David Lepofsky be invited to attend the November 9, 2021 meeting (or earliest meeting thereafter) of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the current activities of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance and the progress being made towards a fully accessible Ontario by 2025.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Correspondence from Andrea McDowell, City of Hamilton, respecting Invitation to Climate Change Impact Adaptation Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives Workshop

Recommendation: Be received.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- 6.1 Built Environment Working Group Update
 - 6.1(d) Formation of an Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group
- 6.3 Outreach Working Group Update
 - 6.3(a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes - July 20, 2021
 - 6.3(b) Printing and Distribution of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' 2021 Disability Awareness Calendar
- 6.4 Transportation Working Group Update
 - 6.4(b) Funding for ASL Interpreting Services for Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.1 Update on August 11, 2021 Delegation to the Public Works Committee respecting Report PED20134(b) - Commercial E-Scooters Operations

The agenda for the September 14, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) August 10, 2021 (Item 3.1)

The minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 6.1)

(1) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – July 6, 2021 (Item 6.1(a))

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of July 6, 2021, were received.

(2) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – August 3, 2021 (Item 6.1(b))

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of August 3, 2021, were received.

(3) Formation of an Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group (Added Item 6.1(d))

The following Motion, respecting the Formation of an Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group, was referred back to the Built

Environment Working Group for further discussion and review:

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has identified a gap in current standards and legislation, including but not limited to, the Ontario Building Code, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (O. Reg 191/11), and the City of Hamilton Barrier Free Design Guidelines, relating to specific accessible design guidelines for public open spaces and parklands;

WHEREAS, a Working Group is needed to develop accessible design guidelines for City-owned open spaces and parklands;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That an Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be established on an ad hoc basis for the purpose of developing accessible design guidelines for City-owned open spaces and parklands;
- (b) That the Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group be comprised of the following Members:
 - (i) Tim Nolan
 - (ii) Kim Nolan

- (c) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests the participation of relevant staff to assist the Working Group by providing their expertise, input and any other required information to complete the mandate of the Working Group.

K. Nolan and T. Nolan wished to be recorded as opposed.

(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 6.2)

(1) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – July 20, 2021 (Item 6.2(a))

The Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of July 20, 2021, were received.

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 6.3)

(1) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes – July 20, 2021 (Added Item 6.3(a))

The Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes of July 20, 2021, were received.

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 6.4)

(1) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – August 24, 2021 (Item 6.4(a))

The Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of August 24, 2021, were received.

(2) Funding for ASL Interpreting Services for Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable (Added Item 6.4(b))

The Motion, respecting Funding for ASL Interpreting Services for Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable, was **amended** by deleting the closed captioning contingency, as follows:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities allocate funding to an upset limit of \$1,000 from their 2021 budget to support the cost of two American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters for the Transportation Virtual Collaborative Roundtable scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021, ~~**only in the event that closed captioning is unavailable on the additional encoder.**~~

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

(v) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 6.5)

No update.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Update on August 11, 2021 Delegation to the Public Works Committee respecting Report PED20134(b) - Commercial E-Scooters Operations (Added Item 9.1)

J. Kemp provided the Committee with an overview of his presentation to the Public Works Committee, respecting Report PED20134(b) - Commercial E-Scooters Operations, at the August 11, 2021 meeting. The presentation was well-received by the Public Works Committee and the decision was made to permit an e-scooter rental program on a pilot basis for 24 months, with quarterly consultation with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

The verbal update from J. Kemp, respecting his August 11, 2021 Delegation to the Public Works Committee on Report PED20134(b) - Commercial E-Scooters Operations, was received.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)

(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (Item 12.1)

No update.

(ii) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 12.2)*

No update.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Nolan, Acting Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk