

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting Notes**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Virtual Webex Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Present: Paula Kilburn, Tom Manzuk, Anthony Frisina, Patty Cameron, Jayne Cardo, James Kemp, Aznive Mallett

Regrets: Mark McNeil

- ACPD is waiting to comment on the Dillon report on transportation and Street patio report.
- Concerns have been expressed about accommodation for members of ACPD. Suggest a questionnaire goes to every member to ask specifically what each member needs. Specifically, about the format, whether it is printed and in which font, braille, or electronic document whether it is PDF or other. All materials should be received by all members at least four days before the meeting.
- Need to identify members to work on a new ad hoc working group for landscaping and public places called Environmental Working group, approved by Council. Should have its first meeting soon.
- We look forward to receiving the CityLab project report which will be finalized by Jayne and Kim.
- A discussion on troubling issues in social assistance, poverty, and homelessness of persons with disabilities. Would like a presentation by Social Planning and Research Council,

someone knowledgeable about homelessness, invite Sherry Caldwell, Ontario Disability Coalition. Price of groceries and the cost of delivery have gone up. Transportation has been reduced. Many people cannot afford masks. Potential project: video of short clips of people in our community expressing issues which are negatively impacting independence and healthy life. Anthony will reach out to Cable 14 to see if they can partner in this. Tom will make a motion about navigating social issues. James feels housing can work on this initiative. Housing working group will look at this and report back to ACPD.

- The pandemic has dramatically impaired the independence of people with disabilities. Both HSR and DARTS have cutbacks services. David Onley to present, his views on “Post Pandemic World” and to talk about the effect of the pandemic on persons with disabilities. It was also suggested we invite David Lepofsky to speak on the effects of the pandemic on persons with disabilities. He has many documents about this on his website.
- Need members to be more involved. It may be intimidating for new members to speak up, but we want to hear from everyone. Also, everyone should be able to take on some tasks. Suggested a motion goes through Council to selection committee for advisory committees to emphasize ACPD members get involved and take on tasks. Suggested we ask Council if ACPD can have a member working with the selection committee during interviews. Paula will make a motion at the next ACPD committee meeting.
- Paula presented the idea of accessibility awards for businesses and facilities and pointed out DARTS would be

interested in partnering on this. Outreach is willing to take this on and report back to ACPD.

- INFORMATION: Disability Justice Network of Ontario is working on developing a loaner program for mobility devices.