



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

MINUTES 22-006

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

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

Present: A. Mallett (Chair), J. Kemp (Vice-Chair)
S. Aaron, J. Cardno, L. Dingman, A. Frisina,
L. Janosi, P. Kilburn, T. Manzuk, C. McBride,
M. McNeil, K. Nolan, T. Nolan

Absent

with Regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger, P. Cameron,
M. Dent, T. Murphy, R. Semkow

Chair Mallett called the meeting to order and recognized that the Committee is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was

further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Resignation of Paula Kilburn from the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.3)**

(Kilburn/Kemp)

That the resignation of Paula Kilburn from the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received.

CARRIED

- 2. Resignation of Kim Nolan from the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.4)**

(K. Nolan/Aaron)

That the resignation of Kim Nolan from the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received.

CARRIED

3. Resignation of Paula Kilburn from the Strategic Planning Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.5)

(Kilburn/McNeil)

That the resignation of Paula Kilburn from the Strategic Planning Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received.

CARRIED

4. Reimbursement for the Purchase of Plants as Get-Well Gifts (Item 11.1)

(Mallett/Kilburn)

That reimbursement to Aznive Mallett, in the amount of \$37.26, including HST, for the purchase of plants from House of Flowers in Ancaster as get-well gifts for two members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved.

CARRIED

(Kilburn/Kemp)

That a plant be purchased for Patty Cameron on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to express the Committee's condolences on her loss.

CARRIED

5. Policies and Procedures to Rescue and Safely Transport Stranded Pedestrians and their Mobility Devices (Item 11.2)

(Kilburn/Kemp)

WHEREAS, there have been an alarming increase in encounters between pedestrians and vehicles in recent months;

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities, especially those who use mobility devices, are particularly vulnerable as pedestrians;

WHEREAS, persons who use mobility devices are susceptible to having their devices malfunction, stranding them in precarious traffic situations; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability (ACPD), have advised stakeholders including the Police Service, Fire Department, Paramedic Service, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR), Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service (DARTS), Taxicab Companies and Mobility Device Repair Contractors of the need for a coordinated rescue plan in the City of Hamilton for persons who experience an incapacitated mobility device.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to investigate developing policies and procedures to rescue and safely

transport stranded pedestrians and their mobility devices to an appropriate secure location.

CARRIED

**6. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Guidance to Hamilton BIA Communities on How
to Make Outdoor Dining Locations Fully
Accessible (Item 11.3) (REVISED)**

(T. Nolan/Kilburn)

WHEREAS, Council approved the Permanent Program for Temporary (seasonal) Outdoor dining Patios in the City of Hamilton, effective in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor dining Patios Program was made permanent by City Council in spite of the concern of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) that there were no specific provisions or obligations for outdoor dining facilities to be accessible and no prohibition to occupying pedestrian pathways; and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to help make outdoor dining facilities accessible through consultation with the ACPD and its Accessible Outdoor Spaces and Parklands Working Group.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD), in collaboration with the ACPD

Outreach Working Group, work with staff to develop print materials, ***to come back to ACPD for approval***, for dissemination to Hamilton BIA communities to provide guidance on how to ensure outdoor dining is fully accessible including space, facilities, amenities and services; and

That the Hamilton BIA communities be advised that the ACPD and its Accessible Outdoor Spaces and Parklands Working Group are available to establishments that have outdoor dining facilities should they require advice or guidance on how to make their outdoor dining locations fully accessible including their space, facilities, amenities and services.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence to the General Issues Committee Respecting Homeless Encampments (Item 11.4)

(Cardno/Kemp)

That the correspondence to the General Issues Committee from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Homeless Encampments attached as Appendix "A", be approved.

CARRIED

8. Invitation to Dr. Lovaye Kajiura, McMaster IMPACT Initiative, to Attend a Future Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.5)

(Mallett/Kilburn)

WHEREAS, the McMaster IMPACT Initiative is an interdisciplinary collaboration that engages students and volunteer clients in a learning process whereby students come together to understand, appreciate and address challenges experienced by our aging population and people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovaye Kajiura is one of the co-leaders of the McMaster IMPACT Initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Dr. Lovaye Kajiura be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to present respecting the McMaster IMPACT Initiative.

CARRIED

9. Invitation to the Director of Transit, City of Hamilton, to Attend a Future Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.6) (REVISED)

(Mallett/T. Nolan)

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from meeting with the City of Hamilton's Director of Transit to discuss topics of interest to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities related to Transit Services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton's Director of Transit be invited to attend a future *regular or special* meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss topics of interest to the Committee related to Transit Services.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence from Andrea Michaluk respecting deafness and discrimination
- 5.2 Correspondence from Sophie Geffros respecting Resignation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Operation of Vehicles in Public Parks and Green Spaces

(Kilburn/McNeil)

That the agenda for the May 24, 2022 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) April 12, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Kemp/McNeil)

That the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

**(i) Correspondence from Andrea Michaluk
respecting deafness and discrimination (Item
5.1)**

(Janosi/Dingman)

That the correspondence from Andrea Michaluk respecting deafness and discrimination, be received.

(T. Nolan/K. Nolan)

That the motion be ***amended*** by adding recommendation (b), to read as follows:

(b) That staff be directed to work with Andrea Michaluk to determine what the City can undertake to address her concerns and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

CARRIED

Main Motion, ***as Amended***, to read as follows:

- (a) That the correspondence from Andrea Michaluk respecting deafness and discrimination, be received; and
- (b) That staff be directed to work with Andrea Michaluk to determine what the City can undertake to address her concerns and report back to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.***

Main Motion, As Amended, CARRIED

**(ii) Correspondence from Sophie Geffros
respecting Resignation from the Advisory
Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item
5.2)**

(McNeil/Kemp)

That the correspondence from Sophie Geffros
respecting resignation from the Advisory
Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be
received.

CARRIED

(Kilburn/Kemp)

That, having received the resignation of Sophie
Geffros from the Advisory Committee for Persons
with Disabilities, the membership number of the
Committee be adjusted accordingly to obtain
quorum.

CARRIED

(T. Nolan/K. Nolan)

That staff be directed to send a letter to Sophie
Geffros to thank her for her time volunteering with
the Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities and to wish her well in the future.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

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

**(a) Built Environment Working Group
Meeting Notes:**

(1) February 2, 2022 (Item 7.1 (a))

(2) April 5, 2022 (Item 7.1 (b))

(Kilburn/Dingman)

That the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of February 2, 2022 and April 5, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

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

**(1) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting
Notes – March 15, 2022 (Item 7.2 (a))**

(McNeil/Janosi)

That the Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of March 15, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

**(1) Update respecting the Ability First
Accessibility Event – October 5, 2022
(Item 7.3 (a))**

(Dingman/Aaron)

That the update respecting the Ability First Accessibility Event – October 5, 2022, from the Outreach Working Group, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

(1) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – April 26, 2022 (Item 7.4 (a))

(McNeil/Kilburn)

That the Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes of April 26, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

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

(a) Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting Notes:

(1) February 10, 2022 (Item 7.5 (a))

(2) March 3, 2022 (Item 7.5 (b))

(3) March 16, 2022 (Item 7.5 (c))

(4) April 7, 2022 (Item 7.5 (d))

(Dingman/Frisina)

That the Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting Notes of February 10, 2022, March 3, 2022, March 16, 2022 and April 7, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

**(vi) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands
Working Group Update (Item 7.6)**

**(a) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands
Working Group Meeting Notes:**

(1) February 23, 2022 (Item 7.6 (a))

(2) March 23, 2022 (Item 7.6) (b))

(T. Nolan/McNeil)

That the Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Meeting Notes of February 23, 2022 and March 23, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

(3) April 27, 2022 (Item 7.6) (c))

(T. Nolan/K. Nolan)

That the Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Meeting Notes of April 27, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Presentation by Sherry Caldwell, Ontario Disability Coalition (Item 8.1)

Sherry Caldwell, Ontario Disability Coalition provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the Ontario Disability Coalition, with aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Frinsina/Dingman)

That the presentation by Sherry Caldwell, Ontario Disability Coalition respecting the Ontario Disability Coalition, be received.

CARRIED

(g) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Reimbursement for the Purchase of Plants as Get-Well Gifts (Item 11.1)

A. Mallett relinquished the Chair to J. Kemp in order to introduce a Motion respecting reimbursement for the purchase of plants as get-well gifts.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

A. Mallett assumed the Chair.

(ii) Invitation to Dr. Lovaye Kajiura, McMaster IMPACT Initiative, to Attend a Future Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.5)

A. Mallett relinquished the Chair to J. Kemp in order to introduce a Motion respecting an invitation to Dr. Lovaye Kajiura, McMaster IMPACT Initiative, to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

(iii) Invitation to the Director of Transit, City of Hamilton, to Attend a Future Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.6)

A. Mallett introduced a Motion respecting an invitation to the Director of Transit, City of Hamilton, to Attend a Future Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

A. Mallett assumed the Chair.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Operation of Vehicles in Public Parks and Green Spaces (Item 12.1)

J. Cardno introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, parks and green spaces have been recognized as valuable, contributing to the good health of City residents and as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, use of these spaces has increased;

WHEREAS, any vehicular traffic moving through a park not only reduces such benefits but presents a threat that is unexpected in a park, particularly for those with disabilities and using mobility devices;

WHEREAS, invisible disabilities are not easily identified and operators of vehicles may not be sensitive to related fear and anxiety that results when an unexpected vehicle suddenly comes near;

WHEREAS, the public in vehicles may mistake hard surface paths as roadways because of other vehicles or evidence of vehicle use and will enter and travel at speed presenting a very real danger to park users and especially those unable to

move quickly out of the way due to mobility or disability limitations; and

WHEREAS, City staff should receive sensitivity and awareness training regarding those with disabilities as part of customer service when dealing with the public, particularly for new and seasonal staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That staff be directed to review policies and procedures regarding vehicle traffic and presence of vehicles throughout parks and green spaces and recommend actions to keep the presence and operation of vehicles in parks and green spaces to a minimum, as follows:
 - (i) Ensure the use of public roads rather than park pathways unless it is an emergency; and
 - (ii) Ensure that pathways are not easily accessible to vehicles and that the use of barriers to limit vehicles does not restrict or inhibit the use of mobility devices.
2. That staff be directed to provide regular sensitivity and awareness training for staff as

part of customer service when dealing with the public, including new and seasonal staff, to include awareness of the benefits parks and green spaces offer and ways to decrease any activity that interferes with those benefits.

(i) GENERAL ISSUES / 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)*

No update.

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

(a) Invitation to The Honourable David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

(Kilburn/McNeil)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities request that the City fund the \$5,000 plus HST speaking engagement fee for The Honourable David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

DEFEATED

**(b) Invitation to Sherry Caldwell of the
Ontario Disability Coalition**

(McNeil/Kemp)

- (a) That the Invitation to Sherry Caldwell of the Ontario Disability Coalition be considered complete and be removed from the Speakers List as this was addressed as Item 8.1 at today's meeting; and
- (b) That the updates to the Speaker's List, be received.

CARRIED

**(iv) Donation in Memory of Christopher Cutler
(Item 13.4)**

This Item was referred to the Strategic Planning Working Group.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Kemp/Cardno)

That there being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk