



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
REPORT 22-009**

3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Room 264, 2nd Floor

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: A. Mallett (Chair), J. Kemp (Vice-Chair),
S. Aaron, P. Cameron, M. Dent, L. Dingman,
A. Frisina, P. Kilburn, T. Manzuk, M. McNeil,
T. Murphy

Absent

with Regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger, J. Cardno, L. Janosi,
C. McBride, K. Nolan, T. Nolan, 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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 22-009 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Items for Approval for the Accessibility Fair -
Ability First, October 5, 2022 (Item 7.3(c))**

WHEREAS, the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is planning an event, “Ability First”, in the Forecourt of City Hall on October 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. to promote accessibility for all, no matter your ability;

WHEREAS, Ability First will be an interactive event and attracting people to attend will be a key component to its success;

WHEREAS, the media and website currently under construction require Council approval before release to the public; and

WHEREAS, there are some details of the event that are still being finalized but the media's basic layout and website structure will not change after approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft media and website content, attached as Appendices "A" through "E" of Advisory Committee for Disabilities Report 22-009, for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' "Ability First" event to be held October 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., be approved for release to the public; and
- (b) That the organizers of the "Ability First" event, to be held October 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., be granted to make minor changes to the media and website content to reflect changes to the event planning, subject to the approval by the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

2. Motion respecting In-person and Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Meeting to Discuss Changes and Challenges to Public Transportation in Hamilton (Added Item 7.4 (c))

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests permission to organize and host a meeting in collaboration with Accessible Transportation Services' Annual Accessibility Event in order to provide updated information and learning about the issues faced by Hamiltonians; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Transportation Working Groups from other City Volunteer Advisory Committees as well as representatives from various community organizations, stakeholders (such as Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, etc.), and the Accessible Transportation Services will benefit from the knowledge of the shared challenges faced during these challenging times.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That members of the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to organize and host an in-person and virtual collaborative roundtable meeting

by the end of 2022 with key stakeholders and staff experts, for the purpose of discussing changes and challenges to public transportation in Hamilton in the new normal.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.3 Outreach Working Group Update

7.3 (c) Items for Approval for the Accessibility Fair – Ability First, October 5, 2022:

- (a) Draft Media Release
- (b) Draft Banner for the City's Website
- (c) Draft Additional Signage
- (d) Draft Website

7.4 Transportation Working Group Update

7.4 (b) Transportation Working Group
Meeting Notes – June 22, 2022

7.5 Accessible Open Spaces and Parkland Working Group Update

7.5 (a) Accessible Open Spaces and
Parkland Working Group Meeting
Notes – June 28, 2022

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Maureen Cosyn Heath, Director of Transit
respecting Hamilton Street Railway and
Accessible Transportation – presentation
uploaded to the Agenda.

To be considered following Item 6.1.

8.2 Presentation by a representation from the
Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST)
(no copy)

To be considered following Item 8.1.

The agenda for the July 12, 2022 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 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING
(Item 4)**

- (i) June 14, 2022 (Item 4.1)**
- (ii) June 28, 2022 (Item 4.2)**

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

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Angelica Hasbon respecting Issues Related to Housing and Accessibility (Item 6.1)**

The delegation request from Angelica Hasbon respecting Issues Related to Housing and Accessibility was approved for a future meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

- (a) The following items were moved up on the Agenda to be considered following Item 8.2, the presentation by a representative from the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST):**

- (i) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3):
 - (1) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Accessibility Fair Update (Item 7.3 (a));
 - (2) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes – June 21, 2022 (Item 7.3 (b));
 - (3) Items for approval for the Accessibility Fair – Ability First, October 5, 2022 (Item 7.3 (c)); and
- (b) The following items, were deferred to the August 10, 2022 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, due to time constraints:
 - (i) **Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 7.1)**
 - (ii) **Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 7.2)**
 - (1) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – May 17, 2022 (Item 7.2 (a))
 - (iii) **Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)**

- (1) Resignation of Tim Murphy from the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.4 (a))
- (2) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – June 22, 2022 (Item 7.4 (b))

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

- (1) Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting Notes – June 17, 2022 (Item 7.5 (a))

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

- (1) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Meeting Notes – June 28, 2022 (Item 7.6 (a))

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

- (1) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (no copy) (Item 13.1)

- (2) Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) (no copy) (Item 13.2)
- (3) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (no copy) (Item 13.3)

(i) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)

(1) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities - Accessibility Fair Update (Item 7.3 (a))

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities - Accessibility Fair Update, were received.

(2) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes - June 21, 2022 (Item 7.3 (b))

The Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes of June 21, 2022, were received.

(3) Items for Approval for the Accessibility Fair - Ability First, October 5, 2022 (Item 7.3 (c))

- (i) Draft Media Release (Item 7.3 (c)(a))

- (ii) Draft Banner for the City's Website (Item 7.3 (c)(b))
- (iii) Draft Additional Signage (Item 7.3 (c)(c))
- (iv) Draft Website (Item 7.3 (c)(d))
- (v) Draft Poster (Added Item 7.3 (c)(e))

J. Kemp provided an overview of the draft items for approval for the Accessibility Fair – Ability First, October 5, 2022, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)

(1) In-person and Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Meeting to Discuss Changes and Challenges to Public Transportation in Hamilton (Added Item 7.4 (c))

S. Aaron introduced a Motion respecting In-person and Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Meeting to Discuss Changes and Challenges to Public Transportation in Hamilton.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Maureen Cosyn Heath, Director of Transit respecting Hamilton Street Railway and Accessible Transportation (Item 8.1)

Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services provided a presentation respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Report 2019-21 and Q1 2022, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

Maureen Cosyn-Heath, Director of Transit answered questions respecting Hamilton Street Railway and Accessible Transportation Services.

The presentation from Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Report 2019-21 and Q1 2022, was received.

(ii) Presentation by a representative from the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) (Item 8.2)

P.C. Ryan Loft from the Crisis Response Branch, COAST Unit of the Hamilton Police Service and Katie Royle, Social Worker with COAST provided an overview of the services provided by COAST, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from P.C. Ryan Loft from the Crisis Response Branch, COAST Unit of the Hamilton Police Service and Katie Royle, Social Worker with COAST, was received.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk