



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
MINUTES 23-008**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Room 264, 2nd Floor

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor M. Tadeson, A. Mallett (Chair)
J. Kemp (Vice-Chair), J. Cardno, M. Dent,
L. Dingman, A. Frisina, P. Kilburn,
M. McNeil, T. Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Nolan

Absent

with Regrets: S. Aaron, P. Cameron, L. Janosi,
R. Semkow

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

- 1. Invitation to Participate in the Spinal Cord Injury
BBQ and Information Fair - September 6, 2023
(Item 5.3)**

(McNeil/Kilburn)

That the following members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved to participate in the Spinal Cord Injury BBQ and Information Fair on September 6, 2023 on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

- (a) Paula Kilburn
- (b) Aznive Mallett
- (c) Mark McNeil
- (d) Kim Nolan
- (e) Tim Nolan
- (f) James Kemp

CARRIED

2. Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review - Q2, 2023 (Item 8.2)

(McNeil/Kilburn)

That the Report respecting the Accessible Transportation Service Performance Review – Q2, 2023, be received.

CARRIED

3. Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Update (Item 9.6)

(T. Nolan/Kilburn)

- (a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities requests that staff be directed to

investigate options for off-road transportation systems for people with disabilities to be able to engage areas of the City where accessibility is not feasible (e.g. trails, beaches etc.); and

- (b) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities requests that staff be directed to consult with other public agencies within the City with respect to their properties for the potential purchase of off-road transportation systems for people with disabilities, for example the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Marydale Park and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

CARRIED

4. Update to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Informational Pamphlet to include Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) (Item 12.1)

(Kemp/McNeil)

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Outreach Working Group designed an informational pamphlet in an effort to inform the community about its roles and functions in 2021 and have already updated the pamphlet once to reflect the change in Departments in 2022;

WHEREAS, the current version of the informational pamphlet has a paragraph stating: "The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is comprised of

citizens of the City of Hamilton with a diverse range of disabilities that strive to consider the needs of all in order to make this city a more equitable, diverse and inclusive place to live.”;

WHEREAS, Council considered Report HUR19019(c), respecting an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update on December 7, 2022, which updated the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Plan from EDI branding to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) branding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the change in branding from EDI to IDEA, the informational pamphlet should be updated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities informational pamphlet, attached as Appendix “A”, which has been updated to read: “The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is comprised of citizens of the City of Hamilton with a diverse range of disabilities that strive to consider the needs of all in order to make this city a more inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible place to live.”, be approved.

CARRIED

5. The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Housing Issues Working Group's Recommendations to Improve Accessible Housing in CityHousing Hamilton Buildings (Item 12.2)

(Kemp/Kilburn)

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Housing Working Group's mandate is to advise Council ***through the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities*** in the following:

- “(a) Identifying and pursuing the removal of barriers to housing;
- (b) Preventing the creation of new barriers to housing;
- (c) Defining the needs of the disabled in the accessible housing system in order to be more inclusive;
- (d) Highlighting deficiencies in the accessible housing system and seeking solutions to address them;
- (e) Anticipating accessible housing needs in the future; and
- (f) Making Housing in Place with services recognizing equality;”

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Housing Issues Working Group reviewed the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) and “Unlocking the AODA” extensively to understand how the AODA affects housing without actually referring to housing and our research discovered several areas for suggestions for possible improvements for CityHousing Hamilton's Board of

Director's consideration to make housing more accessible, improve quality of life and provide more stable housing;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Housing Issues Working Group met with Amanda Warren-Ritchie, CityHousing Hamilton's Manager of Strategy & Quality Improvement, and Jessica Bowen, Supervisor of Diversity and Inclusion, to ensure the conclusions and recommendations contained within Appendix "B" are in accordance with City of Hamilton and CityHousing Hamilton's policies; and

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton is the largest housing provider for the city and its accessibility policies should set an example for other providers that operate in the same jurisdiction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests permission to present to CityHousing Hamilton's Board of Directors the report entitled: "ACPD Housing Working Group's Recommendations to Improve Accessible Housing in CityHousing Hamilton Buildings for Simplified Customer Service, Better Quality of Life and More Stable Housing in Accordance With the AODA", attached as Appendix "B".

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Camino Diez respecting Accommodation of Sensory Issues (approved May 9, 2023)

(Cardno/Kilburn)

That the Agenda for the August 8, 2023, 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 OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) July 11, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Kilburn/Cardno)

That the July 11, 2023, minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(McNeil/Kemp)

That the following Communications be received, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Corbin McBride respecting Resignation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- (ii) Correspondence from Sandra Andrew respecting Accessibility in Public Washrooms
- (iii) Invitation to Participate in the Spinal Cord Injury BBQ and Information Fair - September 6, 2023

CARRIED

For further disposition of Item (d)(iii), refer to Item 1.

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) **Camino Diez respecting Accommodation of Sensory Issues (approved May 9, 2023) (Item 7.1)**

Camino Diez addressed the committee respecting the Accommodation of Sensory Issues.

(Murphy/Kilburn)

That the delegation from Camino Diez respecting Accommodation of Sensory Issues, be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Dr. Lovaye Kajiura, respecting the McMaster IMPACT Initiative (Item 8.1)

Dr. Lovaye Kajiura provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the McMaster IMPACT Initiative, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kilburn/McNeil)

That the presentation from Dr. Lovaye Kajiura respecting the respecting the McMaster IMPACT Initiative, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review - Q2, 2023 (Item 8.2)

Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review for Q2, 2023, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kilburn/Frisina)

That the presentation from Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services, respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q2, 2023, be received.

CARRIED

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

(iii) Accessibility Award Update (no copy) (Item 8.3)

Jocelyn Strutt, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement, provided a verbal presentation to the Committee respecting the Accessibility Award Update.

(Kilburn/Murphy)

That the presentation from Jocelyn Strutt, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement, respecting the Accessibility Award Update, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs (no copy) (Item 8.4)

Melissa McGinnis, Facilities Accessibility & Compliance Coordinator, provided a verbal presentation to the Committee on Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs.

(Cardno/Dingman)

That the presentation from Melissa McGinnis, Facilities Accessibility & Compliance Coordinator, on Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs, be received.

CARRIED

(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9.1 – 9.6)

**(a) Transportation Working Group Update
(Item 9.4)**

M. McNeil provided a verbal update respecting the Transportation Working Group.

For further disposition of this item refer to Item (g)(i)(4).

A. Mallett relinquished the Chair to J. Kemp in order to provide an update from the Strategic Planning Working Group.

**(b) Strategic Planning Working Group Update
(Item 9.5)**

A. Mallett provided a verbal update respecting the Strategic Planning Working Group.

For further disposition of this item refer to Item (g)(i)(5).

A. Mallett assumed the Chair.

(c) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Update (Item 9.6)

T. Nolan provided a verbal update respecting the Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items (g)(i)(6) and 3.

(d) (Dingman/McNeil)

That Consent Items 9.1 to 9.6, be received, as follows:

(1) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 9.1)

(a) Built Environment Working Group and Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes - Tour of 500 McNab Street and Review of its Accessibility - June 23, 2023 (Item 9.1(a))

(b) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes - July 4, 2023 (Item 9.1(b))

- (2) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 9.2)
 - (a) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes - July 18, 2023 (Item 9.2(a))
 - (b) Housing Issues Working Group - Recommendations to Improve Accessible Housing in CityHousing Hamilton Buildings (Item 9.2(b))
- (3) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)
 - (a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes - July 18, 2023 (Item 9.3(a))
 - (b) “Ability First” Accessibility Fair Update – August 2023 (Item 9.3(b))
- (4) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 9.4)
- (5) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 9.5)
- (6) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Update (Item 9.6)

CARRIED

Quorum was lost at 6:15 p.m., therefore, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk