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## **ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT SERVICES REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 23-001**

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Room 264**

**Hamilton City Hall**

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**Present:** Councillors C. Cassar, C. Kroetsch, M. Tadeson

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### **1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)**

- (a) That Councillor Tadeson be appointed Chair of the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee for 2022-2026.
- (b) That Councillor Kroetsch be appointed Vice-Chair of the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee for 2022-2026.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

#### **(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Clerk advised the following changes to the Agenda:

#### **6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.1 Anthony Frisina, respecting ensuring the disability community is heard when it comes to accessible and affordable transit (for a future meeting)
- 6.2 Khadija Zafar, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Accessible Transportation (for a future meeting)
- 6.3 Marianne Longo, McMaster University Physical Activity Centre of Excellence, respecting the function and reliability of the DARTS system (for a future meeting)

- 6.4 Dr. Jeff Preston, King's University College at Western University, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting)
- 6.5 Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter, respecting Accessibility on HSR (for a future meeting)
- 6.6 Tim Nolan, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting)
- 6.7 Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Item 10.1, Proposed Revisions to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (for today's meeting)
- 6.8 Mark McNeil, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting)

The agenda for the June 29, 2023 meeting of the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) July 17, 2018 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Accessible Transit Services Review Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

The following Delegation Requests, were approved as presented:

- (i) Anthony Frisina, respecting ensuring the disability community is heard when it comes to accessible and affordable transit (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.1)
- (ii) Khadija Zafar, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Accessible Transportation (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.2)

- (iii) Marianne Longo, McMaster University Physical Activity Centre of Excellence, respecting the function and reliability of the DARTS system (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Dr. Jeff Preston, King's University College at Western University, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)
- (v) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter, respecting Accessibility on HSR (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.5)
- (vi) Tim Nolan, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)
- (vii) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Item 10.1, Proposed Revisions to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.7)
- (viii) Mark McNeil, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.8) - **WITHDRAWN**

**(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) **Dr. Jeff Preston, King's University College at Western University, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Added Item 7.1)**

Dr. Jeff Preston, King's University College at Western University, addressed Committee respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

- (ii) **Tim Nolan, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Added Item 7.2)**

Tim Nolan addressed Committee respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

- (iii) **Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Item 10.1, Proposed Revisions to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.3)**

Tim Nolan addressed Committee respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The following Delegations, were received:

- (i) Dr. Jeff Preston, King's University College at Western University, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Added Item 7.1)
- (ii) Tim Nolan, respecting Item 8.1, Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Added Item 7.2)
- (iii) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting Item 10.1, Proposed Revisions to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.3)

For further disposition on (i) and (ii), refer to Item (g)(i) and for further disposition on (iii), refer to Item (g)(i).

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

- (i) Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Item 8.1)**

Michelle Martin, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, addressed Committee respecting Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation from Michelle Martin, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, respecting Overview of Requirements for Accessible Transit Services Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, was received.

**(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

- (i) Proposed Revisions to the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Item 10.1)**

The Revised Terms of Reference of the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee, were referred to staff for report back to the next meeting of the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee with recommendations on:

- (a) The appropriateness of the membership;

- (b) The addition of two members of the public to the membership, including a description of experience, skills and qualifications;
- (c) The reporting requirements for staff in the context of the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group to avoid duplication of reporting on Accessible Transit Services.

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Tadeson, Chair  
Accessible Transit Services Review  
Sub-Committee

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