

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REPORT 23-011

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Room 264, 2nd Floor Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor M. Tadeson, J. Kemp (Chair),

P. Kilburn (Vice Chair), M. Dent,

L. Dingman, A. Frisina, L. Janosi, T. Murphy,

K. Nolan and T. Nolan

**Absent** 

with Regrets: P. Cameron, J. Cardno, M. McNeil and

R. Semkow

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 23-011 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Item 1)

- (a) That James Kemp be appointed as Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of 2023 and 2024, or until the new membership is appointed by Council.
- (b) That Paula Kilburn be appointed as Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of 2023 and 2024, or until the new membership is appointed by Council.

#### FOR INFORMATION:

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

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

#### 14. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Introduction of the General Manager of Public Works – *WITHDRAWN* 

#### **CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:**

14.2 Councillor Kroetsch respecting a Motion to Change the Name of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities - To be considered immediately following Item 4.1, Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Agenda for the November 14, 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 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) October 10, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The October 10, 2023, minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, were approved, as presented.

# (d) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)

(i) Councillor Kroetsch respecting a Motion to Change the Name of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 14.2)

Councillor Kroetsch was in attendance to update the Committee respecting his intention to introduce a motion to change of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to reflect that it is a Sub-Committee. The update from Councillor Kroetsch respecting a Motion to Change the Name of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was received.

## (e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

### (i) HSR Fare Assist Program (Item 8.1)

Nancy Purser, Manager, Transit Support Services, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation Nancy Purser, Manager, Transit Support Services respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program, was received.

# (ii) Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs (Item 8.2)

Melissa McGinnis, Facilities Accessibility and Compliance Coordinator, provided the Committee a presentation respecting Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Melissa McGinnis, Facilities Accessibility and Compliance Coordinator respecting Safety Concerns respecting City Hall Stairs, was received.

### (f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

- (i) Housing Issues Working Group (Item 9.2)
  - L. Dingman provided a verbal update respecting Residential Care Facilities.
- (ii) 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.

The following Consent Items, were received:

- (a) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 9.2)
  - (i) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes– September 19, 2023 (Item 9.2(a))
  - (ii) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes– October 17, 2023 (Item 9.2(b))
  - (iii) Housing Issues Working Group Final Outstanding Business List – November 2023 (Item 9.2(c))
- (b) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)
  - (i) Outreach Working Group Meetings Notes –

September 19, 2023 (Item 9.3(a))

- (ii) Outreach Working Group Meetings Notes October 17, 2023 (Item 9.3(b))
- (iii) Outreach Working Group Final Outstanding Business List – November 2023 (Item 9.3(c))
- (c) Accessible Open Spaces and Parkland Working Group Update (Item 9.6)
- (g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)
  - (i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2024 Budget Submission (Item 11.1)
    - (1) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities base budget submission, in the amount of \$23,172 be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.
- J. Kemp relinquished the Chair to P. Kilburn.
  - (2) The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2024 Budget Submission was deferred until the December 10, 2023, meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

### (h) MOTIONS (Item 12)

- (i) Correspondence to City Council respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program and the Cancellation of the Temporary No Pay Program and the Temporary Voluntary Pay Program (Item 12.1)
  - (1) WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has significant concerns regarding the cancellation of the Temporary No Pay Program and the Temporary Voluntary Pay Program without first addressing several insufficiencies with the current bus design and fare payment options; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has prepared correspondence to City Council regarding the HSR Fare Assist Program as well as the cancellation of the Temporary No Pay Program and the Temporary Voluntary Pay Program.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities approve the correspondence respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program and the Cancellation of the Temporary No Pay Program and the Temporary Voluntary Pay Program attached as Appendix "A", for submission to Council.

- (2) The motion respecting Correspondence to City Council respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program and the Cancellation of the Temporary No Pay Program and the Temporary Voluntary Pay Program, was deferred until the December 10, 2023, meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.
- J. Kemp assumed the Chair.

## (i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kemp, Chair Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk