



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
REPORT 23-012**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
Room 264, 2nd Floor Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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**Present:** J. Kemp (Chair), P. Kilburn (Vice Chair),  
P. Cameron, J. Cardno, L. Dingman,  
A. Frisina, M. McNeil, T. Murphy, K. Nolan  
and T. Nolan

**Absent**

**with Regrets:** Councillor M. Tadeson – Business  
M. Dent, L. Janosi and R. Semkow

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**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 23-012 FOR  
INFORMATION:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no

changes to the agenda.

The Agenda for the December 12, 2023, meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was approved, as presented.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) November 14, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

The November 14, 2023, minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, were approved, as presented.

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review - Q3, 2023 (Item 8.1)**

Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services, addressed Committee respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review for Q3, 2023, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Michelle Martin, Manager of

Accessible Transportation Services, respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q3, 2023, was received.

The Report respecting the Accessible Transportation Service Performance Review – Q3, 2023, was received.

**(ii) Reimagining Neighbourhoods – Residential Zones Project (Item 8.2)**

Alana Fulford, Senior Planner, and Mallory Smith, Planner, addressed Committee respecting Reimagining Neighbourhoods – Residential Zones Project, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Alana Fulford, Senior Planner, and Mallory Smith, Planner, respecting Reimagining Neighbourhoods – Residential Zones Project, was received.

**(iii) Adaptive Bike Program (Item 8.3)**

Julia Hamill, Program Manager, Everyone Rides Initiative, addressed Committee respecting the Adaptive Bike Program, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Julia Hamill, Program Manager, Everyone Rides Initiative, respecting the Adaptive Bike Program, was received.

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)**

- (i) The following items were deferred to the January 9, 2024, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints:

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

- (a) Built Environment Working Group - Final Outstanding Business List - December 2023 (Item 9.1(a))
- (b) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – December 5, 2023

**(2) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 9.2)**

- (a) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes – November 21, 2023 (Item 9.2(a))

**(3) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)**

- (a) Outreach Working Group Meetings Notes – November 21, 2023 (Item 9.3(a))

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

- (a) Transportation Working Group Meeting

Notes – November 28, 2023 (Item 9.4(a))

**(5) Strategic Planning Working Group Update  
(no copy) (Item 9.5)**

**(6) Accessible Open Spaces and Parkland  
Working Group Update (no copy) (Item 9.6)**

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)**

**(i) Advisory Committee for Persons with  
Disabilities 2024 Budget Submission (Item 11.1)**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities base budget submission in the amount of \$23,172 for 2024, was approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

**(g) MOTIONS (Item 12)**

J. Kemp relinquished the Chair to P. Kilburn in order to introduce the following Motions:

**(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)**

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.

**(ii) Delegation to the Public Works Committee respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) is mandated to review public policies regarding accessibility and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) and advise Council on how best to implement them safely;

WHEREAS, the ACPD has serious concerns about the HSR's plan to require all mobility devices to use the front door as the primary entrance with very little notice and without an appropriate plan in place to ensure its success;

WHEREAS, the ACPD questions whether requiring all mobility devices to use the front door as the primary entrance would be in compliance with the AODA as the mobility device positions are no longer as close as is practicable to the entrance;

WHEREAS, the ACPD has concerns regarding CNIB card holders using Presto Scanners and the Presto App; and

WHEREAS, the ACPD has reported several issues to the HSR regarding the accessibility of their buses as well as their compliance to the AODA over many years and have yet to see their concerns addressed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

(a) That the following members be authorized to delegate on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to the Public Works Committee regarding accessibility issues with the HSR:

(i) James Kemp

- (ii) Mark McNeil
- (iii) Paula Kilburn

J. Kemp assumed the Chair.

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kemp, Chair  
Advisory Committee for  
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk