



Hamilton

**ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

REPORT 24-007

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Room 264, 2nd Floor Hamilton City Hall (Hybrid)
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor M. Tadeson, J. Kemp (Chair),
P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair), H. Bonenfant
(virtually), L. Dingman, C. Hernould (virtually),
L. Johanson (virtually), H. Kaur (virtually),
J. Maurice (virtually), M. McNeil (virtually),
K. Nolan (virtually) and T. Nolan (virtually)

Absent with

Regrets: B. Cullimore, L. Janosi, T. Murphy and
R. Westbrook

**THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 24-007 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Accessible Transportation Services Performance
Review – Q2 2024 (Item 8.1)**

That the Report respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q2 2024, be received.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegation Requests respecting the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (For today's meeting)

- (a) Richard LeBlanc (In person)
- (b) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (In person)

6.2 Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Item 5.1 Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh (In person) (For today's meeting)

9. CONSENT ITEMS

9.2 Housing Working Group Update

9.2(b) CityHousing Hamilton Accessibility Update

9.3 Outreach Working Group Update

9.3(c) Centre3 Project Outline “Sensory Perspectives” Art Exhibition

9.4 Transportation Working Group Update

9.4(a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes – July 23, 2024

The Agenda for the August 13, 2024, meeting of the Accessibility 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) July 9, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the July 9, 2024 Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh respecting Resignation from the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 5.1)

The Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh respecting Resignation from the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, was received and referred to the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees to fill the citizen appointees on the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

(e) DELEGATIONS REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) That the following Delegation Requests be approved for today's meeting:

(1) Delegation Requests respecting the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (Added Item 6.1)

(a) Richard LeBlanc (In person) (Added Item 6.1(a))

(b) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (In person) (Added Item 6.1(b))

- (2) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Item 5.1 Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh (In person) (Added Item 6.2)

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Kevin Gonci, Mohawk Sports Park Council, respecting highlighting past accessibility achievements and providing information about next phase efforts to support a more inclusive and accessible public space (Item 7.1)**

Kevin Gonci, addressed the Committee respecting highlighting past accessibility achievements and providing information about next phase efforts to support a more inclusive and accessible public space.

Kevin Gonci was granted an additional 5 minutes, beyond the 5-minute time limit, to complete their delegation.

- (ii) Delegations respecting the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (Item 7.2)**

The following delegations addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies:

- (i) Mary Love, Council of Canadians Hamilton

Chapter (In person) (Item 7.2(a))

- (ii) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In person) (Item 7.2(b))
- (iii) Richard LeBlanc (In person) (Approved at today's meeting) (Added Item 7.2(c))
- (iv) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (In person) (Added Item 7.2(d))

(iii) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Item 5.1 Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh (Added Item 7.3)

Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, addressed Committee respecting Item 5.1 Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh (In person) (Added Item 7.3)

(iv) (Kilburn/Dingman)

The following Delegations were received:

- (1) Kevin Gonci, Mohawk Sports Park Council, respecting highlighting past accessibility achievements and providing information about next phase efforts to support a more inclusive and accessible public space (Virtually) (Item 7.1)

- (2) Delegations respecting the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (Item 7.2)
 - (a) Mary Love, Council of Canadians Hamilton Chapter (In person) (Item 7.2(a))
 - (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In person) (Item 7.2(b))
 - (c) Richard LeBlanc (In person) (Added Item 7.2(c))
 - (d) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (In person) (Added Item 7.2(d))
- (3) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Item 5.1 Correspondence from Michael Opoku-Forfieh (In person) (Added Item 7.3)

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q2 2024 (Item 8.1)

Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) addressed Committee respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q2 2024, with the aid of a PowerPoint

presentation.

The presentation from Michelle Martin, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) respecting the Accessible Transportation Services Performance Review – Q2 2024, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

J. Kemp relinquished the Chair to P. Kilburn in order to provide the Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 9.1), Housing Working Group Update (Item 9.2) and Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3).

(i) The following Consent Items, were received:

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

(a) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – July 25, 2024 (Item 9.1(a))

(2) Housing Working Group Update (Item 9.2)

(a) Housing Working Group Meeting Notes – July 16, 2024 (Item 9.2(a))

(b) CityHousing Hamilton Accessibility

Update (Added Item 9.2(b))

(3) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)

- (a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes – July 16, 2024 – (Item 9.3(a))
- (b) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes – July 30, 2024 (Item 9.3(b))
- (c) Centre3 Project Outline: "Sensory Perspectives" Art Exhibition (Added Item 9.3(c))

(4) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 9.4)

- (a) Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes - July 23, 2024 (Added Item 9.4(a))

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

No update.

(6) Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Update (no copy) (Item 9.6)

No update.

J. Kemp assumed the Chair after he had provided the Committee with the respective updates.

(i) MOTIONS (Item 12)

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

(i) Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Terms of Reference, the Committee is to advise Council and staff on barriers affecting full participation of persons with disabilities in the City;

WHEREAS, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group is tasked with reviewing Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) with regards to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA);

WHEREAS, Accessible Transportation Services is undertaking a thorough review of all customer facing policies with the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, requiring a set of dedicated meetings to focus on the review with the exclusion of all other transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to create an ad hoc working group to conduct the review all customer facing policies with Accessible Transportation Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities strike an Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services to review the customer facing *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) policies with Accessible Transportation Services (ATS);
- (b) That the Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services report to the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group;
- (c) That membership of the Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services be comprised of:
 - (i) Up to 5 members of ACPD;
 - (ii) Manager, Accessible Transportation Services and / or designate;
- (d) That the following members be appointed to the Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services:
 - (i) P. Kilburn

- (ii) J. Maurice
- (iii) K. Nolan
- (iv) M. McNeil
- (v) T. Nolan

- (e) That the Ad Hoc Working Group to Review Accessible Transportation Services be disbanded when the review of Accessible Transportation Services customer-facing policies has been completed and the Ad Hoc Working Group has reported its findings to the Transportation Working Group.

**(ii) L'Arche Walk and Roll on September 17, 2024
(Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outreach Working Group is tasked with collaborating and networking with other community agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the L'Arche Walk and Roll is occurring on September 17, 2024 on the Forecourt of City Hall at the cost of \$25.00 to register a table.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities register to attend the L'Arche Walk and Roll on September 17th on the Forecourt of City Hall; and

- (b) That \$25.00 from Account #300303 be paid to cover the registration fee.

J. Kemp assumed the Chair.

(iii) Letter of Support for the Feasibility Study for the Accessible Community Hub Being Constructed by the Mohawk Sports Council at the Mohawk Sports Park (Item 12.3)

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2024, the Built Environment Working Group received a presentation from the Mohawk Sports Council summarizing the Feasibility Study and proposed improvements to the accessible community hub being constructed at the Mohawk Sports Park;

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, the Mohawk Sports Council will delegate to the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting the accessible community hub; and

WHEREAS, a letter has been drafted to send to Council in support of the Mohawk Park Feasibility Study.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities approve the letter to Council, attached

as Appendix “A” to this motion, supporting the Feasibility Study for the accessible community hub being constructed by the Mohawk Sports Council at the Mohawk Sports Park.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kemp, Chair
Accessibility Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk