



Hamilton

**ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
REPORT 24-008**

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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

Present: Councillor M. Tadeson, J. Kemp (Chair),
P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair) (virtually), H. Bonenfant
(virtually), L. Dingman, L. Janosi, H. Kaur
(virtually), J. Maurice, M. McNeil

Absent with

Regrets: B. Cullimore, C. Hernould, L. Johanson T.
Murphy, K. Nolan, T. Nolan and R. Westbrook

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

**1. Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway
(HSR) for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item
12.2)**

(a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with
Disabilities (ACPD) requests that Transit Division

staff report back in Q4 2024 to the Public Works Committee on improvements that can be made to the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) services for persons with disabilities, that would address the following identified barriers, including costs for the implementation of the modifications:

- (1) Difficulties experienced by transit riders with disabilities when loading and unloading through the front entry doors;
 - (2) Difficulties experienced by transit riders with disabilities when loading and unloading through the rear entry doors; and
 - (3) Inaccessibility of PRESTO card readers by transit riders with disabilities.
- (b) That Transit Division staff consider the following remediation suggestions to address the identified barriers in (a):
- (1) and (2) the re-implementation of the rear door loading policy; and
 - (3)
 - (i) standardizing the placement of PRESTO Card readers;
 - (ii) installing grab bars to make access to PRESTO card readers more accessible;
 - (iii) making portable PRESTO card readers available on all buses;

- (iv) training drivers on how to assist transit riders with disabilities to scan their PRESTO card if they ask for assistance; and
 - (v) mandating drivers to assist transit riders with disabilities to scan their PRESTO card if they ask for assistance.
- (c) That Transit Division staff consider modifying transit fares for those who are unable to overcome the above barriers, if the current Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) services for persons with disabilities are not modified accordingly.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

13.1 Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) for Persons with Disabilities

(A request to waive the rules will be introduced)

The Agenda for the September 10, 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) August 13, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the August 13, 2024 Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting, was approved, as presented.

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

J. Kemp provided a verbal update.

(2) Housing Working Group Update (Item 9.2)

J. Kemp provided a verbal update.

(3) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)

J. Kemp provided a verbal update.

(4) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 9.4)

P. Kilburn provided a verbal update.

(ii) (McNeil/Bonenfant)

That the following Consent Items, be received:

(1) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 9.1) - Verbal update.

(2) Housing Working Group Update (Item 9.2)

(a) Housing Working Group Meeting Notes – August 20, 2024 (Item 9.2(a))

(3) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 9.3)

(a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes – August 20, 2024 – (Item 9.3(a))

(4) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 9.4) - Verbal update.

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

(e) MOTIONS (Item 12)

(i) Appointment to the Outreach Working Group (Item 12.1)

Jake Maurice was appointed to the Outreach Working Group for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 13)

J. Kemp relinquished the Chair to P. Kilburn in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) for Persons with Disabilities (Added Item 13.1)

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) for Persons with Disabilities.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

J. Kemp assumed the Chair.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kemp, Chair
Accessibility Committee for
Persons with Disabilities

Carrie McIntosh
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