



Hamilton

**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
REPORT 11-003**

4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Room 192 City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Councillor B. Morelli
A. Mallett (Chair), T. Nolan (Vice-Chair)
T. Wallis, K. Nolan, R. Semkow, R. Cameron,
M. Smithson, P. Cameron, D. Sanche, D. Maraj,
P. Kilburn, R. Hirji-Khalfan, T. Murphy, B. Lane

Absent with Regrets: R. Thompson

Also Present: J. Lee, M. Carter, J. Hayat, M. Nuyaba, Customer Service,
Access and Equity
G. Hendry, Director Social Housing & Homelessness
B. McKnight, Program Manager, Social Housing &
Homelessness
Andy Grozelle, Legislative Assistant, Clerks Office

**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS
REPORT 11-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair (Item A)

- (a) That Aznive Mallett be appointed Chair Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.
- (b) That Tim Nolan be appointed Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.

**2. Accessible Units in Social Housing and New Affordable Housing Projects
(CS11059) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)**

That Report CS11059, respecting Accessible Units in Social Housing and New Affordable Housing Projects be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by the Committee Clerk

(a) Appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair (Item A)

(i) Appointment of Chair

The Committee Clerk called for nominations and volunteers for the position of Chair

On a Motion Aznive Mallett was nominated for Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.

On a Motion Tim Nolan was nominated for Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.

On a Vote Aznive Mallett was appointed Chair.

(ii) Appointment of Vice-Chair

Chair Mallett called for nominations and volunteers for the position of Vice-Chair

On a Motion Paula Kilburn was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.

On a Motion Tim Nolan was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2010-2014 term.

On a Vote Tim Nolan was appointed to the position of Vice-Chair

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

None

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Built Environment Project Notification, Community Services Department (Attachments A, C and D included separately in agenda package) (Item 6.1)

Committee members discussed the Project notification received from Community Services. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- R. Cameron discussed that 700 Stone Church Road W. was not on the list.
- Discussed a conversation he had with the contractor regarding the accessible stairs in the rear
- The contractor indicated that if he couldn't make the stairs accessible he would remove them
- R. Cameron indicated that the location of 700 Stone Church Road West is a city owned Town House complex
- R. Cameron provided background on projects that came to the Built Environment Sub-committee
- R. Cameron indicated that after approved the plans are approved there are often changes made

- M. Smithson discussed the Winona Senior Centres and that the renovations have not been proceeded with and the bathrooms are not accessible

- T. Nolan indicated that the project information is very good however the information related to Accesibility features is not entirely included

- Staff indicated that there are Built Environment Standards that must be followed
- Staff indicated that even if someone was renovating a portion of the building it would need to be done to the Built Environment Standards
- T. Nolan indicated that he would like more information provided in the list

- B. Lane asked about a system to advise the private sector of the need to address accessibility issues
- He suggested that since it is voluntary they should try to encourage people to take an accessible approach
- Staff indicated that the barrier free-guidelines are promoted to private builders
- Staff indicated that the private sector only has to follow the Ontario Building Code and too often only follow this

- (a) On a Motion the Built Environment Project Notification from the Community Services Department was received.
- (b) On a Motion the Built Environment Project Notification from the Community Services Department was referred to the Built Environment Working Group.

(ii) Built Environment Project Notification, Public Health Services (Item 6.2)

Committee members discussed the Project notification received from Public Health. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- P. Cameron asked for clarification on the work described in the Project notification
- Staff provided details of clarification on the proposed work

- (a) On a Motion the Built Environment Project Notification from Public Health was received.
- (b) On a Motion the Built Environment Project Notification from Public Health was referred to the Built Environment Working Group.

(iii) **Accessible Units in Social Housing and New Affordable Housing Projects (CS11059) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)**

Gillian Hendry & Bob McKnight of Social Housing and Homelessness provided an update to Committee members. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- Staff provided some background indicating that of the 362 new affordable houses under construction in 2010, 32 or 8.8% of them are considered accessible
- Discussed how Accessible Units do not have quick turnover as residents often live in them for a while
- Discussed the work staff they have done to promote accessible units
- Discussed that staff have added 24 Accessible units at Good Shephard Square and another 8 at Homestead Christian Care all to be opening this October
- Discussed the request for funding from the Provincial and Federal Government to meet their 5% target for accessible housing

- R. Cameron asked staff if they have done any renovations to make existing units accessible
- Staff indicated that they had not

- B. Lane asked about the funding that we can expect to get from the Province
- Staff indicated that they would expect to get around two twenty unit built but would not expect much more

- M. Smithson asked if there was any consideration being given to the east end of the City of Hamilton
- Staff indicated that Homestead Christian is on the Main Street

- T. Nolan asked 8.8% ratio, indicated that there is still a significant amount of people in need of support asked about the impact lack of housing has on people
- Staff indicated that the City are looking at a ten year action plan to address issues of affordable housing
- Staff indicated that work with other groups on the issues of Housing and Homelessness and could discuss these issues with them as well
- T. Nolan indicated that he felt there were many people on the wait list that have mental health issues that are not stated

- Staff indicated that they are developing a community engagement group and will be doing consultations
- R Cameron asked staff if they are looking into building houses that are easier to convert to accessible housing
- Staff indicated that they hope to improve on the past work done and looking at options like this making buildings more easily convertible
- Staff indicated that they will begin to have more time to plan this work and will look to include aspects discussed when they move forward with RFP's

(iv) Response from Brad Calder, Director of Operations, HECFI, in response to requests from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (forwarded from General Issues Committee) (Item 6.4)

Committee members discussed the Response from Brad Calder, Director of Operations, HECFI, in response to requests from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- M. Smithson indicated that she was in Copps Collesium in an accessible area; however they had a high step that she believes does not conform to the AODA standards
- B. Lane suggested that City staff be directed to examine the deficiencies in HECFI and require that they be addressed
- R. Cameron indicated that if Copps Collesium became private it would be a good thing in terms of improved accessibility
- Councillor Morelli indicated that he felt that Sub-section (2) of the HECFI response respecting Renovations and Barrier Free Design be sent onto the Built Environment Working Group.
- Councillor Morelli indicated that he feels there is a lot going on at HECFI and the discussion is just starting
- Councillor Morelli indicated that there is a issues they would like to get addressed; however there is a large shortfall in HECFI so these matters would be tracked and reviewed in that context
- Staff gave an update on the Accessibility Issues and Access and Equity's work with HECFI

- B. Lane indicated that he felt the City should keep a list of deficiencies to be ready for last minute grant opportunities from the Provincial and Federal governments

On a Motion the response from Brad Calder, Director of Operations, HECFI, in response to requests from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was received and that sub-section (2) of the response respecting Renovations and Barrier Free Design was referred to the Built Environment Working Group

(vi) AODA Conference Update May 9, 2011 (Added Item 6.5)

R. Cameron provided the Committee members with an overview of the Conference. Highlights included but were not limited to the following.

- Indicated that a major portion of the Conference was to provide education on the incoming standards
- Indicated that he had a Power Point Presentation of the Conference material that he would like shared with the Committee members
- The Committee Clerk indicated that he would email this material to the Committee members

On a Motion the update respecting the AODA Conference Update May 9, 2011 was received.

(f) NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)

(i) Working Groups/Sub-Committee Discussion (Item 7.1)

- The Committee Clerk had indicated that there was issues around re-appointing members to the Sub-Committees of ACPD as they were not properly established
- The Committee Clerk indicated that the Sub-Committees would have to be established and until that time the Committee could use working groups if necessary
- The Committee Clerk suggested a review of the Sub-Committee's terms of Reference by ACPD
- T. Nolan suggested bringing the Draft Terms of Reference to the August meeting to have a discussion

- Councillor Morelli suggested holding the entire August meeting as a workshop on the Terms of Reference
- Staff indicated that a the next meeting could be in a workshop format

On a Motion staff were directed to hold the August, 2011 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Person with Disabilities as a workshop to review the Terms of Reference and the Sub-Committees.

(ii) AODA standard work place adaptation funding (Item 7.2)

- M. Smithson raised the issue of Accessibility funding for adaptation for disabilities
- K. Nolan indicated that she saw a job posting for the City of Hamilton however the position would need adaptations in order for her to perform the functions
- Staff indicated that they would be getting the advice of the Committee moving forward under the Customer Service Standard; however staff also pointed out that the city does accommodate all services
- Councillor Morelli indicated that everyone is given an equal chance and there are no problems making accommodations. He encouraged K. Nolan to apply

(iii) Discuss the scope of the Committee

- K. Nolan suggested expanding the scope of the Committee to take on greater consultations
- Councillor Morelli indicated that the Committee needs to follow the basic protocols and as long as it is communicated through the correct channels and approved the Committee can proceed
- Councillor Morelli indicated that if there is something that Committee members want to bring forward they can do so and will be told if it is outside of their jurisdiction

(iv) Light Transit Rail

- T. Nolan indicated that there is a public meeting on rapid transit he indicated that he had emailed the information to the Committee Clerk

- The Committee Clerk indicated that he would email this information out to Committee members.
- T. Wallis indicated that she sat on the Light Transit Rail Group

(v) Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-committee

- Councillor Morelli indicated that he is the Co-Chair of the Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-committee and will be looking to work with ACPD as the Pan Am Stadium Project moves forward
- Provide several updates to the Committee members on the project and indicated Accessibility is a priority as they move forward

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Assistant
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