



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 13-005

4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 11, 2013
Room 192/193 City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: A. Mallett (Chair) T. Nolan (Vice-Chair)
T. Manzuk, T. Murphy, R. Semkow, P. Kilburn,
P. Cameron, B. Lane, R. Thompson, M. Smithson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave
K. Nolan - Regrets
R. Cameron, T. Wallis

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 13-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Built Environment Sub-committee Report – June 4, 2013 (Attached hereto as Appendix A)**

That staff be directed to investigate various funding options and the development of a charitable fund program to be used towards the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals to allow the City of Hamilton meet the requirements of the Built Environment Standard by the year 2025.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

- (a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) May 14, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of May 14, 2013 were approved.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Affordable Transit Program (No Copy) (Bill Atanas, Erica Brimley)(Item 5.1)

Bill Atanas, Director of Benefit Eligibility & Erica Brimley, Special Supports Program Manager, addressed committee respecting the Affordable Transit Program. They provided committee members with a handout a copy of which has been included in the official record.

Mr. Atanas addressed the committee provided an overview of the Affordable Transit Pass Program. Ms. Brimley expanded and discussed the amount of passes used, expanded hours of ticket pick-up and overall budget of the program. She indicated that the program is funded until the end of the year and in October they will be going to Council to determine future funding or changes to the program.

The committee discussed the importance of expanding the Affordable Transit Pass Program to volunteers and to consider the financial expenses of individuals with disabilities and/or illnesses within the overall criteria.

The presentation respecting the Affordable Transit Program, was received.

(ii) Inclusive Recreation Program Development (No Copy) (Item 5.2)

Courtney Groves, Program Lead – Inclusion, Recreation, addressed the committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Ms. Groves discussed the partnerships for created social inclusion for people with disabilities. She discussed creating at primary and secondary hubs and targeting accessible activities at these hubs as a priority along with staff training. She discussed the tasks upcoming in

the next six months and beyond and indicated that gaps are going to start to fill out.

Committee members thanked Recreation staff for their new Recreation Guide which includes more details than ever before about accessibility and accessible programs.

The presentation respecting Inclusive Recreation Program Development, was received.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Integrated Standards Sub-Committee Report – May 27, 2013 (Item 6.1)

Mary Smithson provided an update to committee, indicated that the report should also include the terms low-vision and hard of hearing.

The Integrated Standards Sub-Committee Report of May 27, 2013, was received.

(ii) Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes – April 23, 2013 (Item 6.2)

The Transportation Sub-Committee Report of April 23, 2013, was received.

(iii) Transportation Sub-Committee Report - May 28, 2013 (to be distributed) (Item 6.3)

Tim Nolan provided an update to committee members discussing the Transportation Sub-Committee Report. He indicated that there was discussion around the Accessible Bus Stop Review and that the indication was that Public Works staff will be investigating options for accessible bus stop design and doing further consultation with the Transportation Sub-Committee.

Committee members discussed that as of the current date there is no licensed taxi cabs on the street.

The Transportation Sub-Committee Report of May 28, 2013, was received.

On a Motion the Built Environment Sub-committee Report of June 4, 2013 was added to the agenda as Item 6.4.

CARRIED

(iv) Built Environment Sub-committee Report of June 4, 2013 (Added Item 6.4)

Tom Manzuk provided an update respecting the Built Environment Sub-committee meeting of June 4, 2013. He outlined the issues around accessible pedestrian signals. He outlined the idea that staff setting up a charitable funding program for accessible transit signals similar to donating a bench or adopting road or flower bed.

On a Motion staff be directed to investigate various funding options and the development of a charitable fund program to be used towards the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals to allow the City of Hamilton meet the requirements of the Built Environment Standard by the year 2025.

T. Nolan requested to be recorded as opposed.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aznive Mallett, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Built Environment Sub-committee Report**

**REPORT
June 04, 2013**

a) Recommendations/Reports for Approval –

T. Lane /P. Cameron

That the ACPD respectfully recommends that Council request staff look at various options for the development of a charitable funding program, which will be used towards the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals so that City of Hamilton meet the requirements of the Built Environment Standard by the year 2025.

CARRIED.

Background:

During a presentation to BESC by Ron Gallo, Traffic Operations staff responsible for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals as signalled intersections, it was brought to our attention that with the current budget, the City of Hamilton may not meet the requirement of APS at signalized intersections by 2025.

On December 5, 2011, Ron Gallo & Nelson Melendez attended a BESC meeting to share their report in response to the recommendation sent to Council several months prior regarding implementing Accessible Pedestrian Signals as all required intersections.

Their Report recommendations were twofold:

1. to standardize on Polara Navigator equipment
2. that APS standard be installed at every new and reconstructed traffic signal

With respect to the new equipment, ACPD members as well as other stakeholders were involved in testing and provided input regarding selection, which resulted in the recommendation to purchase the Polara equipment

ACPD report to GIC in Dec. 2010 recommended that staff report back on:

- a) an implementation plan, including financial and human resources to needed for a replacement and installation plan and that the installation Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) be at all traffic signals by 2025 to meet the goals of the AODA 2005,
- b) if Traffic Eng is unable to carry out (a) by 2025, then they must develop a strategy to identify new sources of funding to meet 2025 timeline

Staff review of the program to retrofit all 530+ traffic signal locations, plus new installations, by 2025, revealed that it would cost over \$40 million or \$3.1M/year. There is no current or future funding source, departmentally or corporately, to support a full retrofit program. Therefore staff recommends use of existing signal installation funding of \$150,000 annually towards APS installations at new signal installations.

There is some flexibility built into the location selection, where \$150,000 can be used either for new locations as they are built or to retrofit existing locations according to the BESC priority list. The retrofit option will result in fewer locations, due to higher costs, but will be more specific in targeting priority locations.

Currently, there are approximately 17 audible signals installed throughout the City which utilize an older standard.

To install the APS at a newly constructed location will cost approximately \$20,000 per intersection in total. To install an

Accessible Pedestrian Signal as a retrofit, it costs \$64,000 per intersection. The installation cost for push buttons on current system costs approximately \$6,500 per location. This does not represent a savings as it is paid for by current budgets rather than capital.

The Traffic Engineering Staff has been preparing for APS for the past two years by, ensuring that the designs for new or retrofit intersections incorporated the necessary APS design features. There are a total of 18 of these intersections completed in the past two years. No APS units have been purchased yet.

There is some flexibility built into the location selection, where \$150,000 can be used either for new locations as they are built or to retrofit existing locations according to the BESC priority list. The retrofit option will result in fewer locations, due to higher costs, but will be more specific in targeting priority locations.

We are requesting that ACPD discuss the merits of our motion to assist the City to look for additional ways to fund this project.

**b) Summary of minutes
Tuesday, June 04, 2013**

- i) Accessibility Plan activities 2012
The committee reviewed the list of outstanding projects/ initiatives from 2012 and requested that staff follow up on the following:
 - Disabled Parking Pass program
 - Pan-Para American Games_ Social Inclusion Strategy
 - Bridge at Confederation Park
 - City Hall Renovations
 - HECFI- Interlocking Bricks
 - Housing: Current Capital projects and Future Programs
 - Building Permit
- ii) Capital Projects 2012 and 2013.
 - The BESC requested a complete list of projects from various City departments for the year 2013.

- Tour dates Update: The tour will be planned on June 19, 2012 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.
- iii) Lister Block Deficiency List: The committee was informed that Manager, Strategic Planning, Capital & Compliance will be reviewing the list to see what items can be immediately dealt with.
- iv) Accessibility Audit of Bus Shelters' Project: The committee will send its feedback to M. Carter regarding recommendations for barrier free bus shelters and stops.