



Hamilton

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Report 13-001

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Room 192/193 City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: T. Nolan (Vice-Chair)
Councillor B. Morelli
B. Lane, T. Manzuk, K. Nolan, P. Cameron, T. Murphy,
R. Semkow, R. Thompson, T. Wallis, M. Smithson

**Absent with
Regrets:** A. Mallett (Chair) - Vacation
P. Kilburn – illness
R. Cameron, R. Hirji-Khalfan

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 13-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Transit Fare Parity Update (No Copy) (Added Item 6.2)

- (a) That persons with all disabilities be treated in a fair and equitable manner when accessing public Transit to ensure that persons with disabilities are not charged differing rates for the same service;
- (b) That in support of the implementation of an equitable fare structure, that a reduced fare structure or subsidy be provided for those who are both disabled and economically disadvantaged;
- (c) That the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario be respectfully requested to provide clarification on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Accessibility Standards clause 66(5) respecting Fare Parity.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Fare Parity Update (no copy) (George Brovac) (Added Item 6.2)
- (ii) Design of Public Spaces Standards Update (Added Item 7.2)
- (iii) Public Consultation Accessibility Updates to the Ontario Building Code (Added Item 7.3)
- (iv) That Items 6.1 and 6.2 be moved up in the agenda to be heard after the approval of Minutes out of consideration for staff in attendance.

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) December 11, 2012 (Item 3.1)

That the Minutes of December 11, 2012 were approved as amended.

T. Wallis indicated that she was listed as both present and absent in the attendance and indicated that she was not at the meeting.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Built Environment Sub-committee – Audit of Bus Stops and Shelters (no copy) (Item 5.1)

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**(i) Accessible Taxi Review Update (no copy) (Item 6.1)**

Al Fletcher, Manager - Licensing and Permits and Shawn DeJager Co-ordinator Operational Initiatives addressed Committee respecting the RFP process for the RFP for hiring of a consultant on the issue of Accessible Taxi Review. They discussed the 16 accessible taxi license plates that are available in 2013 and the introduction of a RFP for hiring a consultant to lead the process heading towards 2015 and provided an overview of the expected timelines.

Staff indicated that ACPD is considered a stakeholder during the public engagement and consultation period. They asked that committee members bring forward any suggestions or comments that they may have to them to make the study as comprehensive and encompassing as possible. Committee members indicated that they would like to see a summary of their comments to date and asked if staff could prepare such a document and if the Committee Clerk circulate it to allow them to comment prior to the end of the month.

The update respecting the Accessible Taxi Review, was received.

(ii) Fare Parity Update (no copy) (Added Item 6.2)

George Brovac, Manager of Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) provided the Committee with an update on the issue of Fare Parity. He discussed the delay of the implementation of the Transit Fare Parity to April 2013.

Committee members discussed whether discounted fares should be provided on the basis of disability or whether discounts or subsidies should be provided on the basis of low income. There was some discussion on seeking further clarification on the AODA requirements as they apply to Fare Parity on specialized and conventional transit.

That persons with all disabilities be treated in a fair and equitable manner when accessing public Transit to ensure that persons with disabilities are not charged differing rates for the same service.

CARRIED

That the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario be respectfully requested to provide clarification on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Accessibility Standards clause 66(5) respecting Fare Parity.

The Motion CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	T. Manzuk, P. Cameron, M. Smithson, B. Morelli T. Nolan, R. Semkow, R. Thompson, T. Wallis
Total:	8
Nays:	K. Nolan, T. Murphy, B. Lane
Total:	3
Absent:	A. Mallett, P. Kilburn, R. Cameron, R. Hirji-Khalfan
Total:	4

That in support of the implementation of an equitable fare structure, that a reduced fare structure or subsidy be provided for those who are both disabled and economically disadvantaged;

The Motion CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	T. Manzuk, P. Cameron, M. Smithson, T. Nolan, R. Semkow, R. Thompson, T. Wallis, K. Nolan, T. Murphy
Total:	9
Nays:	B. Lane
Total:	1
Absent:	A. Mallett, P. Kilburn, R. Cameron, R. Hirji-Khalfan, B. Morelli
Total:	5

The update respecting Fare Parity, was received.

(f) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 7)

(i) Enforcement of Accessible Parking Spaces on Municipal and Private Property (PED12226) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(ii) Design of Public Spaces Standards Update (Added Item 7.2)

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(iii) Public Consultation Accessibility Updates to the Ontario Building Code (Added Item 7.3)

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nolan, Vice-Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator