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ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Tuesday, May 2, 2006
4:00 p.m. - Council Chambers
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Sandi Bell, Patty Cameron, Anthony Haynes, Brian Lane, Aznive Mallett, Kim Nolan, Tim Nolan, Marie Pennacchietti, Robert Semkow, Mary Smithson, Kimberly Walker, Gay Walton

Regrets: Darlene Burkett, Janice Ferguson, Meg Metson, Carol Sheppard, Marlene Thomas

Also Present: Maxine Carter, Carolyn Bish – Customer Service, Access & Equity Division, Corporate Services

Additions to Agenda:
Under CONSENT ITEMS:
3.4 ATS Performance Report – March 2006
3.5 Council Follow-up Notice

Under NEW BUSINESS:
5.1 No Show, Late Cancellations and Excessive Cancellations Policy
5.2 Pedestrian Fatalities

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING:

(Cameron/Lane)
That the minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. CONSENT ITEMS (for information only):

3.1 Minutes of Transportation Subcommittee – April 11, 2006
Clarification given on what a “seed document” is.
Minutes of Transportation Subcommittee of April 11, 2006 were received.

3.2 Minutes of Built Environment Subcommittee – April 12, 2006
Minutes of Built Environment Subcommittee of April 12, 2006 were received.
3.3 Minutes of Customer Service Subcommittee – April 18, 2006
Minutes of Customer Service Subcommittee of April 18, 2006 were received.

3.4 ATS Performance Report – March 2006
It was suggested that Paul Thompson, Transit Division, be invited to the June meeting to explain this report.

3.5 Council Follow-up Notice
A copy of a Council Follow-up Notice was distributed to members advising that staff have been directed to provide additional information to ACPD regarding ACPD motions passed at its meeting of January 10, 2006 meeting regarding transit fares.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Update – Working Group re November 18, 2005 letter from Hamilton Police Service Board re Police Clearances Release of Information
A verbal report was provided by Aznive Mallet. The working group would like to see a change in the format of police reports. Reports should determine what is a criminal issue and what is not. Individuals with medical issues should have a process in place to appear decisions and clear their name. Discussion followed and the following motion was passed.

(Lane/Bell)
That the Chief of Police for Hamilton Police Services be invited to attend the June meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for a “roundtable” discussion on police clearance forms and the Chief’s letter to the Committee dated November 18, 2005. CARRIED.

The committee agreed that they would be flexible to the Chief’s needs, i.e. either an additional meeting date in June or an extending the time on the regular meeting day.

The working group on this issue will meet to develop a set of questions and possible outcomes for this meeting.

4.2 Update – Transportation Standards Development Committee
Tim Nolan provided an updated on the Transportation Standards Development Committee. There are 2 main issues – specialized transit and on-demand taxi service. Items 6.1 to 6.13 are going to be removed and sent to the Built Environment Standards Development Committee.

4.3 Update – Ancaster Municipal Service Centre / Library
Maxine Carter provided an update on the renovations of the Ancaster Municipal Service Centre/Library. She advised that she attends all meetings concerning this and that they are using the Barrier Free Design Guidelines. It was noted that Councillor Murray Ferguson went above and beyond in finding funds to do the renovation the right way.

(Lane/KNolan)
That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities send a note to Councillor
Murray Ferguson, with a copy to members of Council, commending him for his efforts to ensure that sufficient funding was found to enhance the renovations of the Ancaster Municipal Service Centre / Library. CARRIED.

4.4 South Mountain Complex
Maxine Carter informed the committee that discussions are taking place with different architects. The City is working in partnership with the YMCA on this building. Barrier Free Design Guidelines will be used.

4.5 Taxi Scrip – Motion passed by Transportation Subcommittee
The committee discussed a motion passed by the Transportation Subcommittee regarding funding for taxi scrip. It was suggested by the Gas Tax Committee that money could be used to subsidize the purchase of taxi scrip by individuals. Four options were discussed: status quo; 40% subsidy (purchase $120 of taxi scrip for $72); 50% subsidy ($120 for $60); and 60% subsidy ($120 for $48). The committee was informed that this subsidy would expire on December 31, 2008. The following motions were passed.

(K Nolan/Pennacchietti)
That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities endorse the recommendation of the Provincial Gas Tax Steering Committee to use gas tax funds to permit a taxi scrip enhancement to increase monthly allocation of taxi scrip to $120 and to increase the subsidy to 60% ($72). CARRIED.

(Bell/Mallett)
That the taxi scrip enhancement referred to in the above motion remain in effect until consultation has taken place with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities. CARRIED.

4.6 Guidelines for ACPD Budget
Item is deferred to the June agenda.

4.7 Roundabouts: Further Questions/Concerns from Committee Members
Maxine Carter informed the committee that she had gone to the location of the roundabout and found it very easy to use. The pedestrian crossings are quite removed from the actual circle. She suggested that members go out for themselves if they have the opportunity.

Any questions for Ron Gallo pertaining to roundabouts should be forwarded to Carolyn Bish.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 No Show, Late Cancellations and Excessive Cancellations Policy
Item is deferred to the June agenda when ATS staff is in attendance.

5.2 Pedestrian Fatalities
Tim Nolan informed the committee that there have been pedestrian fatalities and he wondered if they had anything to do with the signals. An email has been sent to
obtain information on this item. Item is deferred to the June agenda.

5.3 Marie Pennacchietti informed the Committee that she has a personal issue with the City and was concerned whether or not she should declare a conflict of interest.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.