Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
REPORT 10-005
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Room 264 City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: T. Nolan (Chair), F. Chesney (Vice Chair)
Councillor B. Morelli,
T. Wallis, B. Lane, K. Nolan, R. Semkow,
M. Thomas, R. Cameron, M. Smithson, B. Helwig, A.
Mallett, D. Burkett, P. Cameron,

Absent with Regrets: S. Derkach

Also Present: M. Carter, J. Hayat, D. Sadler, A. Komocsi, Customer
Service, Access and Equity
E. Lee, Mayors Office
Andy Grozelle, Legislative Assistant, Clerks Office

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS
REPORT 10-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Motion – AODA Alliance respecting Municipal Elections (Item 6.2)

That the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to send a letter to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance (AODA Alliance) recommending that the consultations and proactive efforts of City of Hamilton election staff be considered for inclusion in the AODA Alliance’s best practices.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Vice-Chair Fran Chesney who acted as Chair due to the fact that Chair Nolan had to leave shortly for another committee meeting.
(a) CHANGE TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

On a motion the agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on August 10, 2010 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on August 10, 2010 were approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

Verbal update re: feasibility of Correspondence from Campbell Macdonald of Parking Mobility – Pam Carver (Item 4.1)

Pam Carver explained how the use of smart phones to report parking violations by phone was a contravention of the Provincial Offences Act. Staff explained that different legislation exists in British Columbia where this program has been put into use. Another issue with the feasibility of this project is that enforcement staff can not go onto property of private owners to enforce this unless the owners give their permission.

Committee members questioned whether there can be something done to enforce those that pull into a disabled Parking spot for five minutes and then leave.

Staff indicated that there response time is around twenty minutes however on top of that there is the issue with gaining access to private property indicating that these owners should be contacted in an effort to get a blanket coverage agreement for the property to allow enforcement to enter the property at anytime.

T. Nolan suggested posting signs at private lots that had blanket coverage of sites. T. Nolan asked questions about the permit system and the abuses that occur to that system.
Staff indicated that they have the power to seize the permits if being abused and send them to the Ministry however often the people who abuse them.

Councillor Morelli spoke to the misuse of the permits and indicated that it is a very sensitive area since they are prescribed by doctors. Indicating that it is very difficult for municipal enforcement to get involved in such a touchy area and they often refer these items to the ministry to be evaluated.

Councillor Morelli indicated that if private partners want the City involvement to come on their property to consult them.

R. Cameron asked if there were any stipulations laid down by the City. Staff indicated that it was indicated in the building code. R. Cameron inquired if within that the signage issue was addressed. Staff indicated that it was not however they did indicate that once a private owner contacts the City about enforcement on their property they then advise them on the signage needed to make a parking spot enforceable.

T. Nolan suggested that there is not a need for all disabled parking spots to be twelve feet wide

By motion the Built Environment Sub-Committee was directed to examine the issue of various sizes of disabled Parking spots as part of their review of Barrier Free Guideline.

Staff were requested to provide the Committee members with an update with details on what criteria are used on private land owners who are installing disabled parking spots as well with further details on how they assist private owners who are seeking enforcement.

The presentation by Pam Carver was received by motion.

(e) Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes, August 24, 2010 (Item 5.1)

(a) ATS Performance Report – June 2010: REVISED

The Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes, August 24, 2010 were tabled until the October meeting.

(f) Accessibility Plan 2010 (to be distributed) (Item 6.1)
Maxine Carter outlined the major points of the new Accessibility Plan. Highlights included the invitation of all departments to attend and present to ACPD on what initiatives they are targeting towards accessibility issues. Indicating that it will then be brought before Senior Management and the final report on the Plan will be brought to Committee of the Whole.

There was some general discussion around the general direction of the ACPD and suggestion that there is a communication plan to inform people externally on these issues.

There was a discussion on how standards are being brought into effect through the AODA standards.

The Accessibility Plan 2010 was approved by motion.

Maxine Carter and Amy Komocsi introduced a new plan for tracking the initiatives of the Committee. Committee members expressed that they were very pleased with the first draft of the efforts and hopeful that it would help to identify what work they have completed and how their efforts have been followed up on.

(g) **Correspondence from Trish-Chant-Sehl on behalf of the Advisory Team for the draft social inclusion strategy for the 2015 Pan Am Games. (Item 6.3)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities put forward Terri Wallis for membership on the Advisory Team for the draft social inclusion strategy for the 2015 Pan Am Games. If Terri Wallis is unable to attend the meetings of this group the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Substitute Dr. Manzuk

(h) **NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)**

(i) Chair Nolan brought up the Mary Dale Park issue that he had raised at the July meeting clarifying that originally ACPD was asked to come on not as consultants on design but for fundraising. He indicated that they would be very interested in coming back to the Committee to discuss where they are going and consult with them.

Committee members indicted that they would prefer that the group came directly to the Built Environment Sub-Committee. Chair Nolan indicated that he would work to facilitate this.
(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Chesney, Vice-Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Assistant
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