Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
MINUTES
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Room 192 City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: R. Cameron, M. Smithson, B. Helwig

Also Present: J. Lee, M. Carter, J. Hayat Customer Service, Access and
Equity
D. Adames, Executive Director, Tourism
Andy Grozelle, Legislative Assistant, Clerks Office

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

(a)  CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)
The Clerk advised that there was one change to the agenda.

(i)  That the Report of the July 5, 2010 Meeting of the Transportation Sub-
Committee be added as Item 5.1

(ii) That a discussion on the Accessibility Plan for r2010 be added as Item
6.2

(iii) That David Adames will be providing the Presentation on the Pan Am
and Parapan Games

On a motion (Semkow/Thomas) 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 April 13, 2010 (Item 3.1)

(Wallis/K.Nolan)
That the minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on May 11, 2010 be approved as presented. CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(e) 4.1 Pan Am, Parapan Games Update

David Adames provided an update on the Pan Am Games to the Committee. He indicated that there will be about twice as many attending the Games as the 2010 Olympics. About 10,000 of whom are coming for the Parapan Games. Hamilton is the second largest recipient of athletes after the Toronto area.

Adames indicated that this is a great chance for Hamilton to replace some aging recreation infrastructure. Staff also pointed out that they are beginning the social inclusion policy for the Games.

Staff discussed the multi-use stadium and multi-use velodrome that are to be constructed. Staff answered Committee queries in regards to the velodrome.

Staff indicated that they will be reporting to Council on August. Adames indicated that they will be bringing the social inclusion policy to Council in the fall and would want the input of the Task Force and Access and Equity.

Aznive asked about how transportation is being addressed. Staff indicated that they will be taking up the issue specifically in terms of spectators with the host.
Chair Nolan indicated that there were some issues with site design in terms of access to the actual physical site. Chair Nolan indicated that this may be a bigger issue with the Harbour Front site.

Fran Chesney asked how the design of the building would be worked out. Staff indicated that they would be going into the design stage in late 2010 probably early 2011.

Fran Chesney indicated concern around what guidelines are they going to be following with the new AODA standards coming out. Staff indicated that they would follow that up. Chair Nolan indicated that they would like an opportunity to have input into the design of the buildings.

Fran Chesney indicated that there may be a shortage in accessible accommodations in the area and that could be an issue for spectators.

Pat Cameron indicated that the accommodations are the difficult issue. She pointed out that many hotels only have one handicapped room and that this needs to be addressed.

Kim Nolan indicated that they need to have a lot of accessible washrooms.

Aznive Mallet asked whether the accommodations will be built to be full accessible. Staff indicated that the Athletes Village will be built in the Toronto area and that athletes will be primarily transported by train to Hamilton.

Fran Chesney asked about how the McMaster pool will transition after the games to become a community pool. Staff indicated that there will be access agreements formally struck with all new facilities.

Fran Chesney indicated that this would raise issues like parking for the facility and ease of drop off. She indicated that she would like all the access issues for all the proposed facilities to be considered. Staff indicated that this likely be addressed through the social inclusion policy.

Chair Nolan emphasised the discussion about design. Indicated that they want wheel chair ramps are wide enough to have wheel chairs pass in opposite directions at the same time and that is a very important point to the Committee.

Pat Cameron asked if there was a spokesperson for the Parapan Games who could come speak to the Committee.
Fran Chesney asked if there would be someone from the ACPD would be invited to sit on the Advisory Committee for the Games.

Chair Nolan thanked David Adames for the presentation.

(Derkach/P. Cameron)
That the presentation by David Adames be received.  

CARRIED

(f) 6.1 A request from the Coalition of Ontario Accessibility Advisory Committees (COAAC) seeking members (deferred from April meeting)

(Aznive/ Thomas)
That the correspondence from the Coalition of Ontario Accessibility Advisory Committees be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Accessibility Plan 2010 discussion

Maxine Carter provided an updated document on the Activities and Initiatives and for the 2009-2010 period

This draft document showed the dates that motions were brought forward. Staff indicated that these would be translated and listed alphabetically in the Accessibility Plan.

Staff outlined a plan to have each City department come to ACPD once a year to provide an update on what they have done in terms of Accessibility.

Staff indicated that they are looking at reviewing the way consultations in the report.

Pat Cameron indicated that they would like a table of contents for each issue.

Fran Chesney indicated that it might benefit the Committee to prioritize items. Staff indicated that those discussions can occur if they wish although there are a lot of things being brought forward.

Pat Cameron indicated that they have some concerns that if the disability isn’t addressed at the table and that they don’t receive the attention they need.
Chair Nolan indicated that they shouldn’t lose sight of the idea behind letting ‘one-off’ issues be dealt with at the Sub-Committee level. Suggesting that Committee members take the Report provided by Maxine and come back ready to discuss it next month.

(i) **NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)**

(i) Jane Lee indicated that they are working with customer service to make museums more Accessible. She Invited Committee members to take part in a trial run being done by the Customer Service Sub-Committee.

(ii) Chair Nolan indicated that Mary Dale Park, one of the only fully accessible parks, is almost at 100% of their fundraising. He indicated that Kim and himself will be consulting with them on the project in terms of accessibility.

Committee members raised concerns that they had previously participated in consultations with this group but were dismissed. Chair Nolan indicated that he was unaware of this and added that he wasn’t functioning as a representative of the Committee in this consultation process.

(i) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

(Derkach/Semkow)
The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nolan, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Assistant
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