Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
REPORT 09-007
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Committee Room 207
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer’s Lane

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

Absent with Regrets:  Councillor B. Morelli, R. Cameron, B. Helwig, T. Manzuk,
                      M. Smithson

Also Present:  J. Lee, M. Carter, Customer Service, Access
               and Equity
               M. Meyer, City Clerk’s Office

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS
REPORT 09-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1.  HSR Destination Signage

    That destination signage on HSR buses remain illuminated at all times.

2.  Verbal Stop Announcements

    That HSR drivers be directed to verbally announce all bus stops until the
    automated system has been implemented.

3.  Eligibility Policy

    That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be given an
    opportunity to comment on the Public Works staff report regarding the New
    Eligibility Policy for Accessible Transportation Services prior to adoption of the
    new policy by Council.
4. HECFI Fire Plan

(a) That all City of Hamilton facilities’ fire plans be reviewed, updated, practiced and any necessary staff training implemented as soon as possible.

(b) That the updated and reviewed fire plans and staff training plan for the Hamilton Convention Centre be submitted to the Fire Department for approval, to ensure that they are adequate and meet requirements of the Fire legislation.

(c) That all volunteer committees have an appointed fire warden, preferably a City staff member.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Item 5)

(i) Transportation Subcommittee update from the meeting held on October 27, 2009 (Item 5.2)

(A) Recommendations/Reports for Approval

Members of the Transportation Subcommittee provided clarification respecting the process of developing the New Eligibility Policy for Accessible Transportation Services. The Committee expressed concerns with “grandparenting” existing DARTS passengers, rather than reviewing the eligibility of each passenger. Committee noted that Council approved “grandparenting” existing DARTS passengers, so a reconsideration vote at Council would be required in order to approve a review of individual passengers.

(ii) Built Environment Subcommittee update from the meeting held on October 19, 2009 (Item 5.3)

(A) Recommendations/Reports for Approval

Committee passed the following motion:

(a) That ACPD concur with and support the key observations made by Deputy Chief Jim Winn and that the report highlights concerns that there may be deficits in other fire
evacuation plans in city facilities. That ACPD recommend to Council that all City of Hamilton facilities' fire plans be reviewed, updated, practiced and any necessary staff training is implemented as soon as possible.

(b) That ACPD recommend to Council that the updated and reviewed fire plans and staff training plan for the Convention Centre be submitted to the Fire Department for approval, to ensure that they are adequate and meet requirements of the Fire legislation.

(c) That ACPD support the Deputy Chief’s recommendation of establishing a Fire Warden for the ACPD Committee, preferably a City staff member, and that they recommend that all volunteer committees have an appointed fire warden, preferably a City staff member.

Committee agreed that the Committee Clerk should be the Fire Warden.

Committee passed the following motion:

That ACPD have a discussion at a future meeting regarding missing items and gaps from the current HECFI fire plan so that a summary list can be forwarded to them for consideration into their updated fire plan.

Committee directed that staff include in the agenda comments from minutes of the meeting at which the fire drill occurred, as well as a copy of current draft HECFI fire plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nolan, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Mary-Ann Meyer
Legislative Assistant
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