FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the agenda.

On motion (T. Wallis/A. Mallett) the agenda was approved as presented.

(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 February 9, 2010 (Item 3.1)
(T. Manzuk/R. Semkow)
That the minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on February 9, 2010 be approved as presented.  CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(e) SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (Item 5)

(i) Built Environment Subcommittee update from the meeting held on February 22, 2010 (Item 5.1)

(A) Recommendation/Reports for Approval

Report was distributed to Committee. Maxine Carter provided an overview of the report.

(i) Barrier Free Design Guidelines

(T. Manzuk/P. Cameron)
That, pending the implementation of the Provincial AODA Built Environment Standards, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends to Council that the Barrier-Free Design Guidelines, 2006 be reviewed for gaps and deficiencies such as those existing in social housing, curb cuts and accessible washrooms design and be updated at its earliest convenience.

Motion as Amended CARRIED

Discussion ensued, including but not limited to:

• Barrier Free Design Guidelines should be updated yearly
• Some sections are falling below building codes.
• Intent is for BFDG to go to a level of accessibility that is beyond standard.
• Need for up to date information for efficient & effective washrooms. Staff have indicated that they want to wait for Built Environment Standard. Built Environment Subcommittee thinks guidelines should be improved/updated now.

(ii) Roundabouts
(T. Manzuk/P. Cameron)
That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully recommends that no further roundabouts be built in the City of Hamilton until input from the Advisory Committee has been received and pedestrian safety concerns expressed by committee members over the last few years have been addressed.

Motion as Amended CARRIED

The Committee was advised that Ron Gallo, Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure, has expressed a desire to no longer pursue formation of a task workgroup regarding Hamilton standards for roundabouts but will await the development of provincial standards coming out of the AODA and the development of national standards.

(B) Minutes of Previous Meeting – For Information

(F. Chesney/T. Manzuk)
That the minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting of Built Environment Subcommittee be received for information; and

That the minutes of the January 18, 2010 meeting of Built Environment Subcommittee be received for information.
CARRIED

(ii) Customer Service Subcommittee update from the meeting held on February 18, 2010 (Item 5.2)

(A) Recommendation/Reports for Approval

Mary Smithson provided an overview of the report.

(B) Minutes of Previous Meeting – For Information

(M. Smithson/B. Helwig)
That the minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting of Customer Service Subcommittee be received for information.
CARRIED

(iii) Transportation Subcommittee update from the meeting held on January 26, 2010 (Item 5.3)
(A) Recommendation/Reports for Approval

Aznive Mallet provided an overview of the report and requested input from committee members on the design and implementation of the support person identification card.

(B) Minutes of Previous Meeting – For Information

(K. Nolan/A. Mallet)
That the minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting of Transportation Subcommittee be received for information.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)

(i) Evaluation Process and 2009-2010 Priorities – Maxine Carter (Item 6.1)
Maxine Carter provided background on previous discussions relating to accomplishments, concerns about effectiveness, staff access to committee and subcommittees, how we’re doing as an organization in responding to AODA in the provision of an accessibility plan each year.

With the assistance of Jaffar Hayat, the current activities of ACPD were placed in an assessment form which was distributed to members. Discussion ensued, including but not limited to:
- column for conclusion
- timeframe for closure
- tracking of time issue arrives at ACPD & how long it takes for recommendation to be carried out
- final outcome
- some issues referred to subcommittees
  - issues may be resolved at subcommittee and come back to ACPD for approval only
- why is legislation a column?
  - other departments may be legislated by other than AODA
- impact area is for staff to complete
- standard format of Council and Standing Committees to keep a list of items awaiting completion

(ii) Para Pan-Am Games – Aznive Mallet (Item 6.3)
Aznive Mallet raised the issue of the Para Pan-Am Games and the involvement of ACPD.
Jane Lee informed the committee that the Games are a joint effort across southern Ontario. The infrastructure in Hamilton will not be tendered out for construction by the City nor will the City be hiring employees or volunteers for the Games. She advised that the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) and the Poverty Roundtable Group presented to Council that a social inclusion strategy be developed with input from HCCI, Poverty Roundtable & other stakeholders.

Councillor Morelli advised that it is still very early in the process and suggested that the committee take time to formulate their thoughts.

It was suggested that ACPD could form a subcommittee to deal with issues (i.e. signage, pathways between venues, transportation) arising from the Pan-Am Games. It was agreed to have a longer discussion about this at a future meeting.

(g) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(i) Rescue Vehicles – Fran Chesney (Item 6.2)

(h) NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)

(i) Signage at City Hall (Maxine)
Maxine advised that she will be attending a meeting regarding the signage at City Hall and passed out samples of proposed signage. Discussion ensued, including but not limited to:

- previous feedback provided by ACPD
- decals on glass walls & doors at 2 levels – not frosted fountain as it’s not really visible
- signage to be 70% contrast
- gold wording on black background not at 70% contrast
- can words (i.e. meeting & room) be on 2 different lines to enable print to be larger
- gold boxes to be spaced 4” apart at 2 levels on glass doors / walls
  - gold boxes won’t help someone with depth perception
- recommended guideline for all city facilities – whatever we recommend for signage at city hall should be at all city facilities
- signage re ramps need to be in locations of where you can go, not where you can’t go
- people don’t always naturally know where to go
- Built Environment Subcommittee has recommended that signage should be placed on all ramps
- some ramps don't go anywhere
Discussion on ramps ensued and the following motion was made.

(S. Derkach/T. Manzuk)
That, a request be sent to the City Hall construction project managers that the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be invited to tour the City Hall facilities as soon as possible in order to view, observe and provide feedback.

CARRIED

(i)  ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(B. Helwig/R. Semkow)
The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nolan, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Carolyn Bish
Administrative Assistant
March 9, 2010