- MINUTES -
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Tuesday, March 7, 2006
4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

| Present:                           | Pat Cameron, Anthony Haynes, Brian Lane, Aznive Mallett, Meg Metson, Kim Nolan, Tim Nolan, Marie Pennacchietti, Robert Semkow, Carol Sheppard, Mary Smithson, Marlene Thomas |
| Regrets:                           | Sandi Bell, Darlene Burkett, Janice Ferguson, Kimberly Walker, Gay Walton |
| Also Present:                      | Maxine Carter, Jane Lee, Carolyn Bish – Customer Service, Access & Equity Division, Corporate Services |

Additions to Agenda:
   i) Teleconferencing
   ii) Audible Signals
   iii) Education Subcommittee

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   None declared.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 7, 2006**
   (Pennacchietti/Thomas)
   That the minutes of the February 7, 2006 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. **PRESENTATION**

   3.1 **Dan Mousseau, Building & Licensing Division re New Sign By-Law**
   The Committee welcomed Dan Mousseau, City of Hamilton Building & Licensing Division and Martin Rendl of Martin Rendl Associates who attended to discuss the proposed new sign by-law. The new by-law will replace the current by-laws in Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook, Hamilton and Stoney Creek. The concern for the current “visual clutter” will be addressed. Discussion followed and feedback was received by the Committee. The link to the draft
Barrier Free Design Guidelines will be provided to Dan for reference to clearances, etc.

4. CONSENT ITEMS (for information only):

4.1 Minutes of Transportation Subcommittee – February 14, 2006

Maxine Carter had questions around trip denial definition, subscription trip policy, snow cancellation. Responses provided by the Chair.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Update on Renovation of Ancaster Library / Municipal Service Centre

Maxine Carter advised that the current building has been closed and is being renovated. The Ancaster Library / Municipal Service Centre has been relocated temporarily to the former Grange School in Ancaster. The new building will follow the Barrier Free Design Guidelines and a list of what doesn’t meet these guidelines will be provided to Maxine. She suspects that this list will contain minimal items. Drawings will be provided at the April meeting, if available.

5.2 Crosswalk Signals / Street Lights

The Chair reviewed the history of this item for the new members. Jane Lee and Maxine Carter will follow up on this issue with Hart Solomon. Discussion followed and members passed the following motion:

(Lane/Pennacchietti)

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Hamilton respectfully recommends:

i) That, effective immediately, audible signals be installed with all new traffic signal installation and, upon request, in a complaint process;

ii) That priority be given to intersections at schools, hospitals, community centres and agencies dealing with persons with disabilities;

iii) That a plan be developed so that by 2025 all traffic signals be converted with audible signals in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act standards. CARRIED.

Brian Lane raised a concern of the impact on persons with disabilities and pedestrians in regard to roundabouts. Jane Lee suggested that someone from Public Works be invited to the April meeting.
5.3 Establishment of Subcommittees

The Chair requested that work on subcommittees begin. Members indicated their interest, as follows:

5.3.1 Transportation
Tim Nolan, Marie Pennacchietti, Robert Semkow, Aznive Mallett and Kim Nolan

5.3.2 Customer Service
Mary Smithson, Meg Metson, Marie Pennacchietti, Kimberly Walker and Anthony Haynes

5.3.3 Built Environment
Brian Lane, Patty Cameron, Carol Shepard and Marlene Thomas

Staff will contact the members not at the meeting to determine their area of interest.

Jane Lee will facilitate the first meetings of the Customer Service and Built Environment subcommittees.

Subcommittees should define their issues, focusing on what the AODA standards committees are doing. Provincial Terms of References and ACPD priorities from the accessibility plan will be distributed.

5.4 Update from Working Group re November 18, 2005 letter from Hamilton Police Service Board re Police Clearances Release of Information

This item is deferred to the April meeting.

5.5 ATS Performance Report – December 2005

Committee members to review this report and submit questions at April meeting. Questions / concerns will be forwarded to Paul Thompson and Mark Mindorff for clarification.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Teleconferencing

This item is deferred to the April meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned.