January 31, 2007

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Hamilton
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At their meeting of December 5, 2006, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) heard comments from the ACPD’s Built Environment Subcommittee regarding a review of the site plans for the South Mountain Complex.

Areas of concern included lack of ramp into the big pool; absence of turning radius for persons with wheelchairs in washrooms; security; location of bus stop; and limited number of parking spaces for people with disabilities (8).

The ACPD Built Environment Subcommittee expressed concern that the City’s Barrier Free Design Guidelines (Report PW06056/FCS06045 approved by Council May 24, 2006) were not being met. Staff explained that the South Mountain Complex is a partnership between the City of Hamilton and the YMCA and that the YMCA have their own design standards.

After discussion, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities passed the following motions:

That a letter be sent to Council regarding the concern with the lack of use of the City of Hamilton’s Barrier Free Design Guidelines and the level of accessibility on the site plans of the South Mountain Complex.  

CARRIED.

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends that all partnerships with the City of Hamilton adopt the standards outlined in the City’s Barrier Free Design Guidelines.  

CARRIED.

The Committee strongly believes that consideration for full access need be included when any partnership is developed between the City and other organizations.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration and policy implementation.

Sincerely,

Tim Nolan, Chair
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Hamilton

cc. Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
    Gerry Davis, Director, Capital Planning & Implementation, Public Works