THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 10-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Built Environment Project Notification Process**

   That ACPD recommend to Council that within 30 days of approval of the annual City Capital Budget, all General Managers be directed to provide a list of all capital projects for new construction, retrofits and renovations to ACPD and that any new projects or undertakings be reported to ACPD in 30 days.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
(a)  **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised that there were the following changes to the agenda.

(i) That the Correspondence from Mary Sinclair regarding the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention facilities be added as Item 5.2

(ii) That the Minutes of the March 29, 2010 Built Environment Sub-Committee be added as Item 4.3

(iii) That the Minutes of the April 26, 2010 Built Environment Sub-Committee be added as Item 4.4

(iv) That the Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Built Environment Sub-Committee be added as Item 4.5

(v) That the Minutes of the May 17, 2010 Built Environment Sub-Committee be added as Item 4.6

(vi) That the Report of the Built Environment Sub-Committee May 17, 2010 meeting be added as Item 4.7

On a motion 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 July 13, 2010 (Item 3.1)**

Committee members pointed out two errors in the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee. The Committee Clerk apologized for the errors and indicated they would be corrected.

The minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on July 13, 2010 were approved as amended.
(d) **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES (Item 4)**

(i) **Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes July 5, 2010 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the July 5, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee were received.

(ii) **Transportation Sub-Committee Report July 28, 2010 (Item 4.2)**

Aznive Mallett discussed how they reviewed the ATS Human Rights Complaints and that they are doing better than expected. Indicated that they will be doing another survey and looking at the booking policy.

Staff indicated that the ATS performance reports are being done frequently.

Mallett indicated that there still needs to be some work to encourage people to take their complaints to ATS.

Chair Nolan indicated that the ATS survey would likely come to ACPD for information purposes only. Chair Nolan indicated that the survey will be looking at certain age groups and look at random samples of taxi users and a random sample of the DART users

Thomas pointed out that we should ask what is done for individuals with language issues. Pat Cameron asked what the new Presto card.

There was some discussion around the card. Chair Nolan clarified that the intent of the card was that it is transferable between municipalities. There was some discussion around what this card would mean for DARTS and other users.

There was some discussion on the fact that bus drivers can control the volume of stop location announcements and sometimes don’t have the volume is too low.

Staff indicated that the Rapid Transit Advisory Committee was requesting that ACPD put forward a representative to sit on their Committee.
By motion Terry Wallis was appointed as the representative from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to the Rapid Transit Advisory Committee.

The July 28, 2010 Report of the Transportation Sub-Committee was received for information purposes.

(iii) **Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes March 29, 2010 (Added Item 4.3)**

Darlene Burkett outlined the meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee.

The Minutes of the March 29, 2010 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee were received.

(iv) **Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes April 26, 2010 (Added Item 4.4)**

Darlene Burkett provided an outline of the Minutes of the Built Environment Sub-Committee of April 26, 2010.

The Minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee were received.

(v) **Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes May 3, 2010 (Added Item 4.5)**

Darlene Burkett outlined the meeting of the May 3, 2010.

The Minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee were received.

(vi) **Built Environment Sub-Committee Minutes May 17, 2010 (Added Item 4.6)**

Darlene Burkett outlined the Minutes of the May 17 2010 meeting.

The Minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee were received.
(vii) Built Environment Sub-Committee Report May 17, 2010 (Added Item 4.7)

(a) Darlene Burkett provided an update on the Sub-Committee Report

There was some discussion around the 5% number for Accessible Social Housing and the waiting list of people which previous details indicated were around 155 people. Staff provided an update on the committees efforts have achieved thus far in this regard.

There was a request for further detailed information on the type of disabilities and problems facing those who are searching for housing. The Built Environment Sub-Committee indicated that they are continuing to work on furthering their efforts to address the demand for Accessible Social Housing.

(b) Built Environment Project Notification Process

The following motion was moved and seconded:

That ACPD recommend to Council that within 30 days of approval of the annual City Capital Budget, all General Managers be directed to provide a list of all capital projects for new construction, retrofits and renovations to ACPD.

Chair Nolan indicated that the motion may seem like that ACPD is looking for oversight. Chair Nolan suggested that they amend it to indicate that they are not seeking oversight but that they want to address these issues.

Chair Nolan suggested that they use the AODA standards to consider using their powers through legislation to review site plans.

Burkett indicated that the Sub-Committee had discussed the wording of this motion at length and had decided on this word. There was some discussion on what would happen if a new project was started after budget deliberations. Burkett indicated that staff would report back to the Committee with new projects. The Committee Clerk advised that if this was part of the intent of the recommendation that it should be clearly stated within it.

Chair Nolan indicated that he was concerned about the actual wording of the motion as being something that would cause
opposition because it is coming from an Advisory Committee. The Chair indicated that the recommendation does not show that the Committee only desires to review a handful of the projects however they do not have a list for review to select these projects.

There was some discussion by the Committee on how to get the background material before Council for their review along with the recommendation. It was suggested by Committee members that Councillors be provided with a lot of background in relation to the need for the Committee to be aware of what projects are being undertaken by the City not as a measure of oversight but as a measure to help direct the activities of ACPD. This was included with the need to make sure Councillors are aware that ACPD does not wish to review all projects just a handful. Staff indicated that Councillors read the reports brought before them and this would be the appropriate way to get the background before them.

The following amendment to the Main motion was put forth:

That the main motion be amended by adding the following:

and that any new projects or undertakings be reported to ACPD in 30 days.

Chair Nolan suggested another wording for the amendment the Committee members indicated that they would like to vote on the motion as amended before them.

The Main Motion as Amended was CARRIED on a counted vote of seven to five

The Report of the May 17, 2010 meeting of the Built Environment Sub-Committee was received for information purposes.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Accessibility Plan 2010 Discussion (Item 5.1)

Brian Lane indicated that attitude is the main thing and that is absent in the plan. There was some discussion on working with staff and that this is an ongoing thing to work with staff. Staff indicated that they are
working on addressing the attitudinal issues and are constantly doing customer service training.

Roger Cameron indicated that people with disabilities have shown they can strive or excel and that they have to change their thinking to make sure people are aware of that.

(ii) **Correspondence from Mary Sinclair regarding the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities (Added Item 5.2)**

The Correspondence from Mary Sinclair regarding the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities was referred to the Built Environment Sub-Committee

(f) **NEW BUSINESS (Item 6)**

(i) Aznine Mallett apologized to the Rescue Vehicle Committee for not showing up at a meeting because of food poisoning. Mallett indicated she was looking for speedy wheelchair riders for a Sept 13 charity event.

(ii) Brian Lane indicated that sometime in the future how to help someone with a disability. He brought forward an incident when he found somebody who was asleep in a wheelchair in the middle of the street. Committee members advised him that he had acted correctly.

(iii) The Committee Clerk advised that there could be an issue with the next meeting date and asked whether the membership would be opposed to changing the date to the following Tuesday or holding an informal meeting. The decision was to look at either September 7th or September 21st.

(g) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 7)**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

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