

# Councillors look closely at issues of deaf people

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Burlington City Hall has the equipment. Committee members argued over whether the deaf should have access to a professional interpreter as a policy, or if they should be granted one upon request. Ms Savoline said the number of requests for mandatory professional service would be low and the cost correspondingly negligible.

"People are free to ask for a higher level of interpreter," said Burlington Councillor Jack Dennison, pointing out that there is no policy to provide interpreters for speakers of other languages. "(Your) way it's a requirement."

The motion was defeated by the committee but could well resurface at full council. Staff will provide more background information on the issue as well as the costs of technology to serve the hearing impaired.

Councillors heard there is a significant difference between those who can sign and those trained as professional interpreters.

Leslie Rowe, who was interpreting for Ms Foley, said it took her 10 years of interpreting to become proficient. She added that so many graduates of interpreting programs were failing their certification test that guidelines for necessary courses are being tightened and upgraded.



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