



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 15, 2022**

PRESENT: Andrew Taylor, Chair
Jacki Purcell, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Paul Russell
Elizabeth Doull
Jordan Waterbury
Michelle Mahoney
Nicole MacDonald
Rachele Manett

REGRETS: Kristen Hemming

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. and adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Rachele Manett

THAT the minutes of July 18, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Accessibility in HRM Streets Presentation

The following was before the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Staff presentation dated August 15, 2022

Anne Sherwood, Director, Transportation Design & Construction gave a presentation on accessibility standards for HRM streets and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Sherwood provided clarification regarding community mailboxes, side-aisle accessible parking, materials used for tactile walking surface indicators (TWSIs), variable seating options, grading (inclines) for streets and related infrastructure, and processes for upkeep and accountability for accessibility measures.

In response to the presentation, the Committee expressed interest in hearing more about the work of Traffic Services and Parking regarding sight lines at intersections and placement of accessible signage.

9.1.2 Halifax Public Library Accessibility Presentation

The following was before the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Staff presentation dated August 15, 2022

Mairead Barry, Director of Strategy, Halifax Public Libraries gave a presentation on accessibility in Halifax Public Libraries and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Barry provided clarification on accessible downloadable/streaming services and tool kits available in the collection, features of accessible seating and pods, future plans for enhancing physical spaces and increasing community input, and the results of employment equity initiatives.

9.1.3 2022 Annual Town Hall Planning

The following was before the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated August 15, 2022

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant provided an overview of initial planning activities for the 2022 Annual Town Hall and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Sherry noted that Paul O'Regan Hall in the Halifax Central Library is being held for November 16 or 17, 2022, procurement processes are forthcoming to engage a vendor to work with the Committee on event design, and Corporate Communications is being engaged to plan promotion of the event.

In response to the presentation, the Committee provided input for improving interpretive services, noting that interpreters at the 2021 Town Hall needed to be closer to the camera to ensure visibility.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

9.3 STAFF UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 19, 2022

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Kim Johnson
Legislative Support