



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2021**

- PRESENT:** Andrew Taylor, Chair
Jacki Purcell, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Paul Russell
Nicole McDonald
Elizabeth Doull
Rachele Manett
- REGRETS:** Samantha Horne
Aja Joshi
Leslie Gates
- STAFF:** Leah Perrin, Regional Planner, Regional Planning
Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Darren Young, Manager of Building Infrastructure, Facility Design & Construction, Corporate & Customer Services
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, 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 4:04 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of June 21, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

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 - NONE

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Regional Plan Review: Themes and Directions Report Presentation

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated July 19, 2021

Leah Perrin, Regional Planner, Regional Planning presented to the Committee, indicating the Regional Plan, first adopted in 2006, sets region-wide policy and called for transportation priorities plans. The Regional Plan supports the accessibility strategy and the Integrated Mobility Plan. Perrin further spoke to the review themes and objectives. A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

In response to the presentation, members noted that it seems the rural areas are not as high of a priority as urban areas, and that alternative communications such as surveys by mail etc. should be used when engaging the public, as not everyone has access to internet, especially in rural areas.

In response to the Committee's comments, Perrin indicated that a rural plan will be setup and that staff have been working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to diversify engagement, as well as to reach out to local community groups, etc.

9.1.2 Work Plan Review

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant advised that the Executive Standing Committee unanimously approved the work plan at their July 12, 2021 meeting.

The Committee noted that the Nova Scotia Health Authority/Capital Health are lacking in accessible features.

In response, the Legislative Assistant will look into opportunities for speakers with respect to this issue.

9.1.3 Annual Town Hall Update

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant noted that conversations have been happening internally with respect to planning the annual town hall and the hope is to provide more information at the August meeting.

The Committee noted the following:

- Arrangements should be made to have the Access-a-Bus available;
- October may be a better month in terms of weather;
- The meeting should be advertised well in advance and by multiple means;
- A hybrid model should be considered.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS - NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 16, 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support