



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 24, 2023**

PRESENT: Andrew Taylor, Chair
June Feswick, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Trish Purdy
April Adams
Elizabeth Doull
Michelle Mahoney
Jordan Waterbury
Rachele Manett

REGRETS: Councillor Paul Russell
Kristen Hemming

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

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 4:10 p.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 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 – June 12, 2023

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of June 12, 2023 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 Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Rachele Manett

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 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 2023 Work Plan Discussion and Approval

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated July 24, 2023

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant spoke to the priorities identified at the June 12, 2023 meeting, the development process of the draft work plan, and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee deliberated and selected the following priorities for the 2023 work plan:

- Planning and Executing Annual Town Hall
- Built Form – Accessibility Standards of Current and Future HRM Infrastructure Projects, Accessibility of Sidewalks, and Accessibility of HRM-Owned Infrastructure

- Committee Engagement Throughout the Municipal Budget Planning Process
- Accessible Parking in the HRM

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by June Feswick

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the 2023 work plan and forward it to the Executive Standing Committee for approval.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 2023 Town Hall Overview and Discussions

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated July 24, 2023

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant, and Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor spoke to the staff memorandum dated July 24, 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

In response to the overview, the Committee indicated their support for a hybrid (virtual and in-person) event and for exploring alternative locations for the 2023 Annual Town Hall, provided that the space could support a hybrid meeting. The following locations were suggested as potential venues for staff to explore:

- Other Halifax Public Library locations
- Alderney Landing
- Zatzman Sportsplex

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

9.3 STAFF UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 21, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Annie Sherry
Legislative Assistant