



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM
MINUTES
March 25, 2018**

PRESENT: Julia Bremner, Chair
Vicky Levack, Vice Chair
Jillian Banfield
Haylee Milne
Jackie Purcell
Councillor Richard Zurawski

REGRETS: Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Brian George
Tova Sherman

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Julia Bremner, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Richard Zurawski, seconded by Haylee Milne

THAT the minutes of February 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: 9.1.3 Update – Noreen Guptill, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist, Parks and Recreation

MOVED by Jacqui Purcell, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Staff Presentation – Shannon Betts, Policy Analyst & Laurie Lewis, Program Manager – Policy and Outreach, Solid Waste Resources

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff presentation dated March 25, 2019 entitled: Curbside Waste Collection*

Shannon Betts, Policy Analyst and Laurie Lewis, Program Manager of Policy and Outreach provided a presentation respecting Curbside Waste Collection.

Betts provided an overview of the Accessibility features associated with the Halifax Recycles Application, programming available from Home Services Nova Scotia and Veterans Affairs Canada to assist those in need with curbside collection and responded to questions from the Committee in relation to Curbside collection activities in HRM.

9.1.2 Update – Darren Young, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction

Darren Young, Senior Project Manager, provided an overview of the Rick Hansen Gold Certification program, of which, Young is a certified assessor. Young noted participation in a sub-committee established to review and monitor standards associated with the Rick Hansen Gold certification program and provided information with respect to the governance model.

Young provided an overview of the accessibility upgrades associated with the renovations at the Zatzman Sportsplex. Young suggested that the Committee tour the facility at a future meeting and host a committee meeting in the facility.

9.1.3 Update – Noreen Guptill, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist, Parks and Recreation

This matter was removed from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

9.1.4 Update – Heather MacKenzie, Diversity & Accessibility Manager, Halifax Public Libraries

Heather MacKenzie, Manager of Diversity and Accessibility with Halifax Public Libraries provided an overview of Halifax Public Libraries Accessibility initiatives. MacKenzie noted participation with the Canadian National Institute of the Blind (CNIB) on a cell phone recycling project

MacKenzie further noted that participants in the program receive a tax receipt for donated phones which the CNIB use to enhance accessibility features for those that need them.

MacKenzie provided further information on the acquisition of Daisy Players and the addition of Accessibility Interns to assist in programming.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Jillian Banfield

Jillian Banfield provided an overview of the March 21, 2019 Active Transportation Advisory Committee updating the committee on Active Transportation projects that are currently underway including Active Transportation functional planning processes, wayfinding projects and public engagement sessions.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

MOVED by Jillian Banfield, seconded by Haylee Milne

THAT Julia Bremner be nominated as Chair of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

Liam MacSween called three times for further nominations. There were none.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Julia Bremner was elected Chair of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

Julia Bremner opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Jillian Banfield

THAT Vicky Levack be nominated as Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

Bremner called three times for further nominations. There were none.

Vicky Levack was elected Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 27, 2019

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant