



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM  
MINUTES  
June 17, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Julia Bremner, Chair  
Victoria Levack, Vice Chair  
Jillian Banfield  
Jacki Purcell  
Elizabeth Doull

**REGRETS:** Haylee Milne  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Richard Zurawski

**STAFF:** Darren Young, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction  
Mike Spicer, Operations Manager, Halifax Transit  
Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Gerry Post, Executive Director of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Directorate  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk  
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk  
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

*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 5:23 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:42 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:23 pm at Nantucket Room, Zatzman Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Victoria Levack, seconded by Jillian Banfield

**THAT the minutes of May 22, 2019 and June 3, 2019 be approved as presented**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

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

Deletions: 9.2.2 Update – Taxi Meter Accessibility – Liz Doull  
9.1.2 Update – Noreen Guptill, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist, Parks and Recreation

MOVED by Jillian Banfield, seconded by Jacki Purcell

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATION**

**7.1 Correspondence**

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received from Jim Sellers, dated May 24, 2019. This correspondence was circulated to the Committee.

MOVED by Victoria Levack, seconded by Jillian Banfield

**THAT the correspondence from Jim Sellers dated May 24, 2019 regarding road repairs and mobility be forwarded to Transportation & Public Works staff.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.2 Petitions - NONE**

**7.3 Presentations**

**7.3.1 Peter Grande, Co Founder, MUVE Inclusive Technology Solutions - Integrated mobility solutions through advanced technology and alternative business models**

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation dated June 17, 2019 entitled: MUVE

Peter Grande, Co Founder of MUVE Inclusive Technology Solutions, gave a presentation on a proposed mobility solution for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Grande presented MUVE's product, the application

and additional features, like curated events and activities in the community. Grande stated that the product can tag accessible locations and provide caregiver functionality.

The committee asked if MUVE includes vehicles or just the technology. Grande clarified that it is a technology company that integrates with existing infrastructure. The committee asked where the vehicles and drivers would come from, and Grande stated that they would anticipate existing drivers and taxi drivers for the application, but also implementing volunteer modules for caregiver capacities. When the committee followed up with security screening for drivers, Grande described their set of standards for driver training and that criminal record checks are completed every 3 months. The committee asked for the price range of services and if the application could be utilised by seniors as well. Grande explained that the application could be used for seniors and that there would be a specific algorithm for the cost of rides. Grande added that government partnerships or logos and sponsorships could help to subsidize the cost of the rides.

Gerry Post, Executive Director of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Directorate, briefly spoke to the benefits of an integrated mobility initiative.

The committee discussed the needs of the accessibility community and the services proposed that could meet those needs. The committee stressed the importance of a solution that does not centre around the vehicle, but the accessibility experience. The committee agreed that MUVE offers many supports and solutions to accessible barriers in the municipality.

**MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Victoria Levack**

**THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Standing Committee receive a presentation from MUVE Inclusive Technology Solutions on its Integrated Mobility Alternative Business Model.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

### **9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

#### **9.1.1 Update – Darren Young, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction**

Darren Young, Senior Project Manager, stated that since the Capital Budget approval, a number of accessibility projects are moving forward. Young provided a brief overview on some of those projects, such as the Cogswell Design, the braille map at the Lacewood bus terminal, and the new accessibility futures video.

#### **9.1.2 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.

#### **9.1.3 Update – Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion**

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director Office of Diversity and Inclusion, advised the committee that the office hired an accessibility advisor, Melissa Myers. Jones-Grant provided a brief overview of Myers' experience and the scope of her new work.

#### **9.1.4 2019 Town Hall Planning – Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant**

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant, introduced the new legislative assistant for the committee, Judith Ng'ethe. MacSween proceeded to open discussion on the preparations for the next town hall. MacSween briefly spoke to the purpose of the town hall for new members, outlining the opportunities to present successful initiatives and challenges and hear feedback from the community. MacSween noted that last

year's town hall at the Dartmouth north community centre received 4000 hits on Facebook live, and the committee would like to look at providing youth programming for childcare this year.

The committee discussed the importance of gathering the rural perspective and the possibility of having advertisements in the councillors' newsletters. The committee also discussed securing interpreters, braille agendas, sighted guides and CART services. The committee also shared ideas for new initiatives, such as stations, exit evaluations and a tour similar to the accessibility consultations.

MacSween stated that the town hall planning would be a formal item on the next agenda.

## **9.2 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM**

### **9.2.1 Update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Jillian Banfield**

Jillian Banfield advised the committee that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recently received presentations on the redevelopments around the Dutch Village, Herring Cove and Bedford highway roads. Banfield stated that sidewalks are to be added to these roads and that will help with accessibility.

## **10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 15, 2019 - 4:00 p.m., Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth  
Legislative Support