



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
October 4, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Jordan Waterbury
Kristen Hemming
Rachele Manett

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

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The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. and adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. 2022 ANNUAL TOWN HALL DISCUSSION

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated October 3, 2022

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO spoke to the staff memorandum requesting input from the Committee regarding the purpose, design, and timeline of the 2022 Annual Town Hall, and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee outlined the purpose of the Annual Town Hall as a forum for the Municipality to provide updates on services for persons with disabilities, while providing an opportunity for the community to engage directly with municipal government to receive public, consistent answers to their questions and concerns. The Committee shared that both the format and timing previous town halls have presented challenges for effectively engaging the community and expressed an interest in exploring alternative formats in the future such as smaller community circles. The Committee discussed the need to provide more inclusive and meaningful engagement on issues relevant to the community, ensuring staff in attendance are equipped to respond to questions and concerns within the scope of municipal services, and that feedback provided at the Town Hall should inform the work of the Committee and the Municipality at-large.

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Town Hall move forward with a date of November 2022.

Jones-Grant highlighted that there would be opportunity to re-envision how the Committee engages in community consultation following the 2022 Town Hall.

The Committee discussed the potential to establish a sub-committee to help with planning of future Town Halls.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Kim Johnson
Legislative Support