



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 17, 2024**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Paul Russell
Liz Doull
Glenn Babcock
April Adams
Oliver Keith
Thivjan Tharmaratnam

REGRETS: June Feswick

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Elizabeth Macdonald, 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., the Committee adjourned at 6:08 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 3, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of June 3, 2024 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 Rachele Manett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

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/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Slayter Street and Connections Local Street Bikeway Project

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated June 17, 2024

Maria Jacobs, Active Transportation Planner and Courtney Pyne, Team Lead – Senior Traffic & Transportation Engineer, WSP Canada gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding virtual engagement sessions, use of ashfall versus gravel and completed case studies.

9.1.2 Discussion of 2024 Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated May 29, 2024

The Committee identified and discussed matters they would like included in the 2024 Work Plan:

- Planning and executing the 2024 Annual Town Hall
- Provincial presence at the Town Hall
- Participation in the 2025/26 Municipal Budget process
- Accessibility considerations regarding Halifax Transit services
- Housing and public services
- Accessible parking and parking spaces
- Built infrastructure
- Accessibility standards in parks and greenspaces
- Community services
- Collaboration with community groups
- Use of plain and accessible language, including braille
- Virtual access to social services

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 15, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant