



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 18, 2024**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Glenn Babcock
Oliver Keith

REGRETS: Liz Doull
April Adams
Thivjan Tharmaratnam

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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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 – October 7, 2024

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Glenn Babcock

THAT the minutes of October 7, 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 Oliver Keith

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 Discussion of 2025 Work Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

The Committee identified and discussed matters they would like included in the 2025 Work Plan:

- Planning and executing the 2025 Annual Town Hall;
- Provincial presence at the Annual Town Hall;
- Community outreach;
- Participation in the 2025/26 Municipal Budget process;
- Accessible parking and parking spaces;
- Accessibility considerations regarding Halifax Transit services;
- Built infrastructure;
- Strategies to implement the 2025 Work Plan, and

- Use of plain and accessible language

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the planning process for the Annual Town Hall.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon and Councillor Purdy responded to questions of clarification from the Committee and spoke to past Accessibility Advisory Committee practices.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 6, 2024 (if required)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant