



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 14, 2025**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Jean St-Amand
Glenn Babcock
Nikolas Harris
Anne Sinclair
Jamil Sinno
Cathi Stevenson

REGRETS: Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Oliver Keith

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Laura Bain, Accessibility Coordinator
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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

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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 MINUTES – March 17, 2025

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of March 17, 2025 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 Jamil Sinno, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

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 Overview of JustFOOD – Action Plan for the Halifax Region

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated April 14, 2025
- Handout dated April 14, 2025

Leticia Smillie, Food Policy Strategist and More Vail, Community Food Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Multi-Use Pathways Project on Dunbrack Street

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Garrett Donaher, Transportation Engineer, Viaris Engineering Inc. gave a presentation, seeking feedback on the proposed designs.

The Committee noted the following:

- Importance of prioritizing direct routes;
- Benefits of Option 1B; and
- The inclusion of designated resting points along trails.

Donaher and Esprit Farmer, Transportation Planner responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.3 2025 Town Hall Planning

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated April 14, 2025

The Committee discussed the upcoming November 5, 2025 Town Hall and noted an interest in the having information booths at the events, representation from the Province of Nova Scotia and discussed representations from the follow Halifax Regional Municipal Business Units on the panel:

- Public Works;
- Halifax Transit;
- Property, Fleet & Environment;
- Parks & Recreation;
- Planning & Development;
- Halifax Regional Police; and
- Community Safety.

Darren Young, Manager, Major Projects spoke to past Accessibility Advisory Committee Town Halls. Young and Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant