



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 20, 2025**

PRESENT:

Rachele Manett, Chair
Nikolas Harris, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Jean St-Amand
Councillor Trish Purdy
Glenn Babcock
Oliver Keith
Anne Sinclair
Jamil Sinno
Cathi Stevenson
Céline Vautour

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 4:04 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 – September 15, 2025

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of September 15, 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 Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Jamil Sinno

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 Presentations – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update on Housing and Homelessness in HRM

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated October 20, 2025

Max Chauvin, Director Housing & Homelessness gave presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee requested that the “Point-in-Time Count Report 2024” be distributed to members through the Legislative Assistant.

The Committee noted an interest in receiving a presentation from the Province on Nova Scotia on the issue of housing and homelessness at a future meeting.

9.1.2 Update on 2025 Town Hall

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated September 15, 2025

Rachele Manett, Chair noted the Accessibility Directorate would be represented as part of the booth component at the 2025 Town Hall.

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant noted they had met with Business Unit staff that would be represented on the panel and at the booths.

Myers confirmed Committee members should arrive at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant noted arrangements had been made for leftover food to be donated to Barry House following the event.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 17, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant