



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 20, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Jordan Waterbury
Kristen Hemming
Michelle Mahoney

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO
Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. and adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 – May 30, 2022

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Jacki Purcell

THAT the minutes of May 30, 2022 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

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 Suburban Active Transportation Cross-Section Presentation

The following was before the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2022

Adam Lanigan, Program Engineer, Transportation Planning and Philip Nickerson, Design Engineer, Design and Construction Services gave a presentation on features of an active transportation concept for a new development in Port Wallace, and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

In response to the presentation, the Committee expressed interest in features such as lighting at crosswalks, bus stops, tactile indicators, ramps, and space for cycling/wheeling, and how features will be evaluated and integrated throughout HRM over time. The Committee also expressed interest in exploring the accessibility features of the housing planned for the development.

9.1.2 Accessibility Strategy Update

The following was before the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Staff presentation dated June 16, 2022
- Handout titled “Accessibility Strategy” dated June 20, 2022

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO provided an update on Accessibility Strategy initiatives and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

In response to the presentation, the Committee commended the work to date with respect to HRM Human Resources, Parks and Recreation, and the Accessibility Advisor. The Committee inquired about updating the Plan to address ongoing and emerging issues such as Covid-19, accessible/affordable housing, means to augment accessibility in parks and beaches, and for retrofitting existing playgrounds.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

9.3 STAFF UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 18, 2022

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Kim Johnson
Legislative Support