

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Councillor George El-Jakl – Chair
- Denise Nickerson, Resident - Representing Nova Scotia Works – Vice Chair
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Loretta Nickerson, Resident – Representing Shelburne Assoc. Supporting Inclusion
- Boyd Scott – Resident

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson – Absent due to illness

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Accessibility Co-ordinator
- Cameron Whiteway – Director of Property Services

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held December 9, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with copies of the Interim Accessibility Guidelines for Indoor and Outdoor Spaces and a list of municipal infrastructure and facilities.

The CAO explained the guidelines and asked how members wanted to proceed.

After some discussion, it was agreed that groups be formed comprising of 4 or 5 members to assess our built environment starting with buildings. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have someone with impaired vision or using a wheelchair participate to help identify accessibility barriers. It was also suggested that some building staff be asked for input as they may be aware of certain challenges faced by visitors to the building.

A plan for the assessment of buildings will be developed and shared with members. The next few months will be spent carrying out assessments and once completed results will be presented to the committee for discussion.

It was agreed that the Clubhouse Playground located in Woods Harbour be added to the list of municipal infrastructure and facilities.

SERVICE

It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have a service available to people with disabilities to assist with grocery shopping, setting up electronics and other household tasks.

This matter will be researched and findings will be presented at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting