

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**August 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:15 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
- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Denise Nickerson, Resident - Representing Nova Scotia Works
- Boyd Scott – Resident

Absent were members:

- Councillor Shaun Hatfield, due to vacation,
- Loretta Nickerson, Resident – Rep. Shelb. Assoc. Supporting Inclusion, due to prior commitment.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Accessibility Co-ordinator

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 presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held July 15, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT**Built Environment – Area of Focus**

A Built Environment Summary was provided to members in advance to the meeting.

During discussion of “Built Environment” the following was noted:

- There are currently a total of 8 Accessible Parking Spaces at municipal facilities.
- There is a large lip when entering the sidewalk from the library driveway.

- Funding has been received for accessibility upgrades to the Administrative Centre.

Members were asked to advise of any other items they would like to have added to the “Build Environment” area of focus.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Draft Survey

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with a draft survey for review and comment.

The survey was review in detail and the following additions were suggested:

- Question 1 – Disabilities should include the following:
 - attention deficit
 - emotional/mental health
 - brain injury
 - autism
 - intellectual learning
- Question 3 – Should include beaches
- Question 4 – Should include Municipal Services
- Survey should state “Stay tuned for details on our Open House”

It was noted that once the survey is approved, it will be shared broadly through both paper and electronic means.

Resolution AAC210801

Being duly moved and seconded that the survey be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Details of Public Meeting

A Public Participation Plan was provided to members and public consultation was discussed. It was agreed that an Open House would give the most people an opportunity to provide input.

It was suggested that:

- a Sandwich Board be placed out front indicating “Open House”.
- an advertisement be placed on Wilson’s sign.
- Start the Open House at 3:00 p.m.
- Arrange transportation with Sou’West Nova Transit, etc.

Denise Nickerson offered to share the event on Nova Scotia Works social media and it was agreed that Loretta Nickerson would be asked to do the same.

Details of the Open House will be prepared and circulated to members by email for comment.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee will be arranged for the latter part of October, after the Open House has been held and the survey distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting