
ATTENDING

- Chair – Agnieszka Hayes,
- Vice-Chair – Birgit Elssner,
- Mayor Jeff Cantwell
- Councillor Mercedes Brian,
- David Daniels, and
- Recording Secretary, Vanessa Pearson

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance and Accessibility Coordinator Mike MacLean,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Rebecca Smith
- Emily Duffett, and
- Andrew Roach

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Agnieszka called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 10TH, 2019 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Agenda Item:

- 4. David Daniels nominated Agnieszka Hayes as Chair**
- 5. the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program.**

CARRIED

3. Public Input / Question Period

There were no questions.

4. Acadia Update – James Sanford

Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents struck a Committee earlier in the year to develop a framework that all institutions can use and work with. Province expects to prescribe the legislation this coming fall with completion 2021. Creating a plan for responding to how institutions would go about creating Plans and what the principles, collaboration, student centred process. Built env, transportation, communications. Presidents have seen a draft of the document. In the fall it will be released to campuses – James will share with AAC.

Acadia hired 2 students to begin auditing campus buildings using a tool developed by Dalhousie – James will share the audit tool with AAC. They have developed a database of every room, doorway, light switch, stairwell etc., at the University.

Acadia now has a staff member Rick Hansen certified.

There will need to be some discussions with Government on funding to implement this work and the findings as soon as possible. An Acadia AAC will be created this academic year all being well.

5. Staff Reports for Discussion:

a. Information Report – Review of Town’s Budget Process

i. Overview of 10-year Capital Investment Plan

Director MacLean presented an Information Report that gave an overview of the budget process timelines and actions taken to bring a budget before Council for approval. He advised that AAC accessibility goals will be included for consideration in the new draft budget. He also gave an overview of the 10-year capital budget plan including the Public Works Community Development building and the implications of any Rick Hanson Gold level accessibility standard being met.

There are a number of accessibility implications with various projects that are currently part of the 10-year plan including any new Visitor Information Centre, the Mona Parsons statue area and the Cenotaph area. Town staff are looking at projects through the accessibility and environmental lenses.

b. Information Report – Built Environment Inventory/Audit

i. Accessible Parking

Director MacLean presented an Information Report on the Built Environment Inventory that was carried out, to update the AAC on what work was carried out and what work remains to be done.

The audit has identified that there are 45 parking spots for accessible parking – 23 are Town controlled and 22 are privately controlled spaces.

There was discussion regarding the core area in Wolfville and what streets that includes and whether it should include those streets in relation to the audit or reduce the boundary currently considered core. Further discussion around the parking spaces closer to Acadia.

Members discussed the lack of a crosswalk on the east side of Gaspereau, near the white house. Currently pedestrians must go to Acadia Street to be able to cross at a crosswalk.

6. Next Meeting

The Next meeting date is December 9, 2019 at 4.30 pm.

7. Adjournment

Two members of the Committee had to leave, which would result in the lack of quorum. Members called an adjournment at 5.44 pm. The following items not covered at today's meeting will be carried forward to the next meeting:

- 5.c.
- 5.d.
- 6.a. – 6.c

**Approved at the November 25th, 2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Office of the CAO.**