
ATTENDING

- Chair – Agnieszka Hayes,
- Vice-Chair – Birgit Elssner,
- Councillor Mercedes Brian,
- David Daniels,
- Andrew Roach,
- James Sanford, and
- Recording Secretary, Amanda Brown

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance and Accessibility Coordinator Mike MacLean,
- Members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Emily Duffett
- Rebecca Smith
- Mayor Jeff Cantwell

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 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

- Addition of discussion surrounding the pool at Acadia
- Addition regarding signs in the Town of Wolfville
- Christmas Music in the Town of Wolfville
- Pedestrians over cars.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 25, 2019 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED

CARRIED

3. Public Input / Question Period

Alex LeBlanc introduced himself as a member of the public who would be willing to offer any services as someone who has accessibility issues.

4. Acadia Update – James Sanford An update was provided by James Sanford regarding working groups. The groups will be consulted regarding disabilities and accessibility in order for everything to be captured.

5. Staff Reports for Discussion: No Updates were provided.

6. Round Table Discussion

- a. Report Card**
- Chair discussed the options that were circulated for the Committee to review regarding designs for the report cards. It was indicated the rubric style in the Arora version was preferred and was nicely crafted and captured what the Committee was trying to develop.
 - The Committee agrees the report card should be completed in a plain language and it would be best to have a consultant to look at the finished document to insure this was completed. The Committee will look at the cost to have the document completed in this style.
 - The Committee agrees a working group would be beneficial to discuss and condense prior to presenting it to the Committee. The working group will consist of Councillor Mercedes Brian, Birgit Elssner and Agnieszka Hayes. An email will be sent to the members of the Committee as some members were not in attendance at the meeting.
 - A doodle poll will be sent around for the working group regarding a meeting to discuss.
- b. Acadia Pool**
- Discussion surrounding the use of the pool and the future. It was noted there is discussion between the Town and the University.
 - The Committee needs to be kept updated on the future of the pool and have input regarding accessibility.
- c. Legibility of Street signs**
- This matter will be put over for a future meeting.
- d. Christmas Music**
- Discussion surrounding the playing of music in the Town and how it impacts people with sensory and visual disabilities. Director MacLean advised Council previously turned this down so it's not an issue.

**e. Pedestrians
over Cars**

- Discussion surrounding the hierarchy of order in which people should be following. It was communicated that people walking should have priority over cars and this is not noted in the new MPS and should be addressed.
- Director MacLean advised the final draft has not been completed for the MPS and this is not something that needs to be discussed at the current time. It was agreed further conversation would take place at the next meeting.

7. Public Input

- Alex LeBlanc indicated he was disappointed to see there was no one with a visible disability in attendance as a member of the Committee. It was acknowledged there is an individual on the Committee, however, they were unable to be in attendance for the meeting.
- Alex communicated regarding the hierarchy mentioned and that the Committee also had it wrong and it should be people with disabilities prior to even people walking as it's a huge issue within not only the Town, but surrounding areas.

8. Next Meeting

March 9, 2020

9. Adjournment

Members called an adjournment at 5:47 pm.

Approved at the March 9, 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting. As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Office of the CAO.