
ATTENDING

- Chair, Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Vice Chair, Dwayne MacLeod
- Pamela Capern
- Birgit Elssner

ALSO ATTENDING:

- Meghan Swanburg, Acadia University
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Coordinator of Special Projects & Communication, Barb Shaw
- Recorder, Laura Morrison

REGRETS:

- Rebecca Smith
- Emily Duffett
- Mayor Wendy Donovan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

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 13, 2022, ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

- Committee would like to thank Director Mike MacLean for his guidance, leadership and listening skills over the years. Director Kelton Thomason will be joining the committee full-time and taking over the reins.

4. Public Input/Question Period

- Alex Leblanc shared his experiences of an accident that occurred while in his power wheelchair. He is on the mend and reported the injury at the time to the police, same as you would for a car accident. Power wheelchairs are an unregulated industry. Personal costs have been incurred. Wants to raise awareness of the many service gaps and would like to speak more indepth with

this committee about those gaps. Staff will connect after the meeting.

5. Round Table Discussion

- Plan will go to Council for approval on July 19th.
- Discussion on committees next steps now the plan complete and importance of public input.
- WBDC coordinator advised their Board of grants/opportunities available to assist the business community with accessibility upgrades.
- Some members sit on other committees such as Provincial Accessibility Advisory and the NSCC Accessibility Advisory and are encouraged to bring relevant information back to this committee. All members encouraged to bring any relevant information they come across from national/international media scans back committee.
- Guest speakers are important, appreciated Alex coming here and sharing his experiences, hearing from the public helps to guide our priorities.
- Invite WBDC members to join. Videos available related to businesses and the benefits of being accessible. All helps to raise awareness and the communications plan.
- Accessibility funding available for non profits to assist with accessible washrooms, clearer signage, large fonts with menus etc. QR codes to read menus.
- Tours during winter season to assess accessibility during challenging times.
- Rec Centre – this committee could do some advisory work.
- Report card work start in the fall.
- If anyone has any ideas email the committee.
- Suggestion of audit of public spaces that say they have accessible washrooms, are they meeting the criteria, code and beyond – Rick Hansen.
- What can this committee do in terms of advising and education.
- Adult changing tables are available in Acadia in the Smile building and the Athletics complex in the family changeroom.
- Bi-monthly meetings go forward.

6. Next Meeting

September 12, 2022 @ 4:30pm

7. Adjournment

Members called an adjournment at 5:20 pm.

**Approved at the November 14, 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Executive Assistant & Town Clerk, Office of the CAO.**