
ATTENDING

- Chair, Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Vice Chair Meghan Swanburg
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Birgit Elssner
- Alex Leblanc
- Elizabeth Ann Mills

ALSO ATTENDING:

- Kelton Thomason, Director Parks & Recreation
- Barb Shaw, Communications & Special Projects Specialist
- Laura Morrison, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

- Emily Duffett

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

- 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 OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023, ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED

- 3. Public Input/Question Period** • No public input

- 4. Chairperson's Comments** • Parks Consultant to attend the May committee meeting.

- 5. Acadia Update** • This will start at April meeting and be every two months go forward.

- 6. Committee Orientation** • Town Clerk provided orientation information to the group. Some topics covered included:

- Governing Legislation
- Town Policies
- Rules of Order

7. Roundtable

- Agreed email is best way to share information among the group. Supporting documents for committee discussion can be attached to agendas.
- Anything of interest can be shared at the roundtable portion of the meeting.
- Accessibility concerns re crosswalk at Pleasant & Gaspereau - sightlines are poor. Pilot project on sidewalks taking place.
- Acadia exploring outdoor heating pads, rubber pads under 13mm high, for snow removal for select building entrances.
- Accessibility Professional Network Conference (March 1-2, 2023)- Rick Hansen Foundation insights:
 - outdoor accessibility and playgrounds – There should be 10 things everyone can do in the park, (i.e., use washroom, adaptive mountain biking trails, etc.)
 - Peggy's Cove has new accessible platform.
 - Interesting perspective that instead of using the international symbol of accessibility on washrooms/doors (implying inaccessible is the norm), accessibility should be the norm with red stickers placed on inaccessible areas.
- Would like to see upper portion of Wolfville Elementary playground become accessible once more. Was previously but repaved with a 12" drop. Changed regulations – gate permanently locked for safety reasons.
- Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education released their accessibility plan.
- Accessible playgrounds – new Kings County accessible park
- Willowbank Park – concern re grade of slope.
- Virtual zoom session will be set up with WBDC and this committee.

8. Next Meeting

April 17, 2023

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

**Approved at the April 17, 2023 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Executive Assistant & Town Clerk, Office of the CAO.**