

ATTENDING

- Chair, Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Deputy Mayor Wendy Elliott
- Birgit Ellsner
- Alex Leblanc
- Ramona Jennex
- Meghan Swanburg
- Barb Shaw, Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives
- Laura Morrison, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

- Ian Brunton

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Jen Ingham called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2024, ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED. CARRIED
3. Public Input	No public input
4. Comments from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pleased to learn that three of the pallet homes in Kentville have ramps for accessibility.

5. Acadia Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for members released for Accessibility Advisory Committee.• First meeting will be September and include evaluation of plans and a look at community engagement.
6. AccessAbility Event Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of feedback received from event and feedback from the committee and attendees' perspective.• Low attendance but conversations were meaningful.• Really good interactions with people. Quality over quantity.• Appreciated the hearing-impaired person and interpreter attending.• Low attendance from public was disappointing.• Intentional attendees and accidental visitors –look at different ways to have more public engagement and more events i.e. Farmers market.• The 3D effect of the plan was effective. Good teaching materials.• Confidence in the committee.• Proud of the event. • Workshop event at Acadia with faculty and staff. Interest and excitement raised with discussion around e-scooters - how do we transfer those feelings to discussions around accessibility.• Deadline to have new Accessibility Plan in place by April 1.• Active Transportation – funding announcement – working with Accessibility Directorate.

<p>7. Roundtable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work also being done on Wayfinding.• Digital version of Accessibility Plan on Wolfville Blooms.• Staff will work on engagement plan for next meeting.• Homework - Committee to think about priorities for each of the 5 areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Built Environment➤ Information & Communications➤ Employment➤ Goods & Services➤ Transportation• Discussion around WBDC members engagement – lunch n learn to raise awareness.• Did meeting previously with WBDC and are flowing information back to them through council member.• Community Accessibility program – funding opportunities available.• Legislation – Dismantling Racism and Hate Act – Only municipalities will be prescribed – there is a hard deadline to have an Action Plan in place by April 1 that addresses Anti-Racism and Hate.• Internal analysis to be done.• Not being asked at this time to form a committee. There will be some crossover with ableism which will be shared with this committee.• Two separate plans for Accessibility and Dismantling Racism and Hate. This committee is willing to help if needed.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A session was held for staff around Accessible social media, some members of the community also took part. Opening staff training to the community as appropriate.• Committee are invited by Ramona to have a tour of Flower Cart’s new building.• Chat about having our next meeting there.• Town uses other facilities for recreation programming and chemicals being used in those buildings can be a problem for people with sensitivities around scent. Acoustics aren’t always great for people with hearing issues. This information will be shared with the Manager - Community Development.• Congregation at Baptist Church voted 32 to 2 in favour of adding an elevator to the building. Location yet to be determined.• Kudos to Town staff re a portion of sidewalk in Kent Ave that collapsed being evened out the next day.• Would like to raise awareness of the barriers put in place by provincial and federal bureaucracy – in attempting to get funding for a ramp on a private residence.• Funding initiatives - Enabling Accessibility for Youth federal funding available up to \$12,000. The youth must apply.• NSFMC Committee for Equity, Community and Well Being was set up but as far as aware nothing has happened with that committee yet. Chair will confirm.• Chair to write up a report on ITGA.• Annapolis Cider moved their deck away from Accessible parking, but now it runs flush with concrete flower stand resulting in a corner making
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<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>it harder to navigate with a wheelchair. Town is aware and looking for solutions. Suggestion that it is painted a different colour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built standards are not yet released.• July 29, 4:30pm, Council Chambers• Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.
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**Approved at the July 29, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk.**