

**ATTENDING**

- Chair, Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Deputy Mayor Jennifer Ingham
- Birgit Ellsner
- Ramona Jennex
- Ian Brunton
- Cairo Hamilton
- Barb Shaw, Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives
- Recording Secretary Laura Yaroshevka

**REGRETS:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

<p><b>1. Call to order and land acknowledgement</b></p>	<p>Chair, Councillor Wendy Elliot called the meeting to order at 4:25pm. Land Acknowledgement was read.</p>
<p><b>2. Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>3. Approval of the Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2025, ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED.</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b></p>	<p>No conflicts were declared.</p>

<b>5. Comments from the Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior citizen reached out to Cllr Wendy Elliot about the Festival theatre accessibility problem. Cllr Elliot did an investigation: Festival theatre does not have railings.</li><li>• In May 2026 Acadia will be hosting a conference on accessibility. It was noted by Cllr Elliott that many Acadia students identify as neurodivergent.</li><li>• Cllr Elliot met Jerry Post at Devour! Studios – he was very pleased with the new accessible washroom.</li><li>• Senior citizen reached out – does not go out anywhere because of disability – no one wanted to clear her steps with a shovel (additionally to the drive-way). Reached out to Kings County Seniors coordinator – got recommendations. It is a large issue for many people. Will be worked on in the new year.</li></ul>
<b>6. Public Input</b>	No one for public input.
<b>7. Old Business</b> <b>a) Progress Report on Accessibility Plan</b>	<p>Change of culture among staff – new team is more interested in accessibility changes.</p> <p>Accessible washroom in Devour! Studios was built and now open. The washroom was checked by staff – it is good.</p> <p>Accessible mat (aka Mobi-mat – a portable roll-out mat that provides non-slip surface over sand and to the water; especially useful for those who use mobility aids) for the Reservoir park is included in the 2026 budget by the Planning department.</p> <p>This was a great year for accessibility, and a lot of work is getting done. A version of this report goes to COW</p>

<p><b>b) Other Updates</b></p>	<p>(Committee of the Whole) in January as an information report. Similar reporting has been done for Equity Advisory Committee. Some work on micro transit has been done. Staff worked with Launchbox at Acadia. The top 2 presenters will be presenting to Council on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Presentations are shared with consultants to figure out next steps.</p> <p>Accessible washroom at Devour! Studios is now open and was checked out by staff – it is great and has all the recommended pieces (full sized washroom, includes the adult changing table).</p> <p>We were contacted by people from Trans Canada Trail about the trails. To make trails more accessible, BlindSquare (an auditory app that guides people through the trail with detailed descriptions of what the trail conditions are; also has story-telling features to include the opportunities to connect with the environment). It is a three-year project. It provides a more inclusive environment for people. Also, it provides an opportunity for accessible tourism. The app can potentially implement town-navigating features as well. The story-telling piece can be appealing to able-bodied people as well.</p>
<p><b>8. Roundtable</b></p>	<p>The quality-of-life report came out (for persons with disabilities). The NSLEO (Nova Scotia League of Equal Opportunities) has the results published. The Town looks lovely. Clock Park looks great as well. Publishing company Conandrum published several graphic novels of Jennica Post. Has a novel about</p>

<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>travelling to Holland. Quite entertaining if you need a stocking stuffer.</p> <p>Thank you to the committee. This committee has informed a lot of decisions this year. Staff is ahead of the game on the accessibility updates and upgrades. A report will be coming back about the Acadia accessibility concerns.</p> <p>Town of Wolfville Accessible Employment Program was officially endorsed. The program is currently being developed in L'Arche. Right now, more work is needed on the program to create carved employment.</p> <p><b>February 9, 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.</li></ul>
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**Approved at the March 16, 2026, Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.  
As recorded by Laura Yaroshevka, Administrative Assistant.**