

ATTENDING

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

REGRETS:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Wendy Elliot called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
Land Acknowledgement was read.

1. Approval of Agenda	MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional item E-Scooters CARRIED
2. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025, ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED. CARRIED
3. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No-one for Public Input.
4. Comments from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Kevin Waters, newest member of Recreation Team who shared some of his work and personal experience in Accessibility and Equity and Anti-Racism work.

<p>c. AccessAbility Event Saturday May 31, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table booked at Wolfville Farmers market.• Showcase the Accessibility plan which are connected. As well some council members will be available to talk about the Operational Plan which is connected.• Information boards used for last years event will be set up.• QR Code to direct to digital report.• Hard copies of both plans will be available.• Committee members to share what times they can be available.
<p>d. E-Scooters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last year e-scooters turned up in town with no prior warning or knowledge.• No regulations/bylaws in place.• Many complaints received.• We monitored for several months, listened to what the concerns were and took that away to consider how to manage them better.• Critical concern was related to accessibility, which is why it is included in the Accessibility plan.• Working on regulatory framework. Met with Mayor and owner of the program to explain the challenges and the impacts on the town.• Changes have been made.• E-scooters are back, same operator with more expectations - E-scooters are required to be returned to a designated spot. These spots or corrals are on town owned land. They are virtual corrals so not a physical marked out spot, but a location that if the scooter is not returned, you will continued to be charged for it.• Since relaunching, complaints have been minimal.

<p>6. Roundtable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints re helmets not being used and speeding are police matters.• Boundaries are in place, e-scooters will not work in Reservoir Park for example.• Helmets exist for each of the scooters but at this time the mechanism to hook the helmet to the scooter has not yet arrived.• There is an app for the scooters which will show you where the corrals are located.• More scooters this year but it feels less due to them being stored better with ability to bring more to Town.• Should be driven on road where possible and limited use on sidewalk at a low speed.• On downtown core, speed automatically drops on sidewalk.• When you log in expectations and rules are communicated.• Contact information on website if you want to report unsafe behaviours. • Workshop at AMANS on new Built Standards. Enforcement will start next April.• Public workshop available at end of next month.• Education piece – town does well on Facebook re street closures etc. Could a reminder on trail etiquette be put on the Harvest Moon Trail.• Thanks to Ramona for tour of The Flower Cart.• L’Arche also provides tours.• Website for Accessibility Leadership Lab https://seachangecolab.com/accessibility-leadership-lab-info-page/• Shift partnership – County of Kings has adaptive programming Super Happy Interactive Fun Time.
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<p>7. Next Meeting</p> <p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Rec is researching more adaptive programming such as sit volleyball, play in the park sessions and looking at Wolfville School as a possible venue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 8, 2025• Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.
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**Approved at the September 8, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Manager of Administration and Town Clerk**