



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 15, 2024**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Paul Russell
Councillor Trish Purdy
June Feswick
April Adams
Liz Doull
Glenn Babcock
Oliver Keith

REGRETS: Thivjan Tharmaratnam

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the minutes of June 17, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Deferred to the August 19, 2024 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Item 6.1 Temporary Pedestrian Travel Paths Through Work Sites

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 Temporary Pedestrian Travel Paths Through Work Sites

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Updated Accessibility Strategy: Draft Recommendations

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated July 15, 2024
- Staff presentation dated July 12, 2024

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee

9.1.2 Work Plan Discussion

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant and Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor spoke to the process of compiling a work plan and noted considerations for 2025. Macdonald and Myers responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the possibility of using the 2023 Work Plan as a guiding document for the remainder of 2024 as an alternative to creating a 2024 Work Plan. The Committee considered beginning the planning process for the 2025 Work Plan early in the year.

The Committee requested that members be offered further orientation through the Municipal Clerk's Office regarding meeting procedures and the Committee's mandate.

The Committee expressed an interest in receiving a presentation from Parking Services staff at a future meeting. Macdonald noted that a presentation from Halifax Transit staff was targeting the Committee's November meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 19, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant