



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 15, 2025**

PRESENT: Rachele Manett, Chair
Nikolas Harris, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Jean St-Amand
Councillor Trish Purdy
Oliver Keith
Anne Sinclair
Jamil Sinno
Cathi Stevenson

REGRETS: Glenn Babcock
Céline Vautour

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

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 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 – August 25, 2025

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Jamil Sinno

THAT the minutes of August 25, 2025 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

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Nikolas Harris

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Concept Plans for the Halifax Urban Greenway Extension and Active Transportation Facilities to Point Pleasant Park

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 15, 2025

Erin Eldridge, Landscape Architect and Garrett Donaher, Senior Transportation Engineer, Englobe gave a presentation, seeking feedback on the proposed designs, and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee provided feedback on the following:

- Benefits of a sidewalk on Francklyn Street;
- The importance of barrier free access to bus stops;
- Concerns of accelerated traffic due wider lanes on Beaufort Avenue;

- Impacts of the proposed designs to mature trees;
- Negative impacts to the flow of traffic;
- Concerns with the removal of on street parking;
- The importance of performing a cost-benefit analysis when implementing designs;
- Impacts to parking in the area and potential challenges related to snow removal;
- The need to provide more options for public engagement; and
- The lack of public transportation on some streets, particularly Young Avenue.

9.1.2 2025 Town Hall Discussion

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated August 26, 2025

The Committee discussed the timing of the panel and booths and agreed the panel would take place from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and booths would take place following the panel from 7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Committee discussed catering and agreed to reduce the food order compared to the 2023 Town Hall and asked that arrangements be made to have leftover food donated following the event.

Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 20, 2025

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant