



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM
MINUTES
February 28, 2022**

PRESENT: Andrew Taylor, Chair
Jacki Purcell, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Paul Russell
Elizabeth Doull
Nicole McDonald
Rachele Manett

REGRETS: Leslie Gates
Aja Joshi
Samantha Horne

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Darren Young, Manager of Building Infrastructure, Facility Design & Construction, Corporate & Customer Services
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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 4:03 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 – December 13, 2021

MOVED by Elizabeth Doull, seconded by Jacki Purcell

THAT the minutes of December 13, 2021 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 Rachele Manett, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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

6.1 2021 Annual Town Hall Overview Discussion

The following was before the Committee:

- Memorandum dated January 13, 2022

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant, provided an overview of the Town Hall and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee offered the following feedback with respect to the Town Hall:

- Interpreters should be more visible/closer to the screen.
- Publications should be available in braille.
- Publications and responses to speakers should be mindful of using plain language.
- Business Unit representatives should be prepared to respond using an accessibility lens.

6.2 Annual Town Hall Report

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated December 10, 2021

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant, gave an overview of the information report going to the Executive Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Elizabeth Doull

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve this report and forward it to the Executive Standing Committee as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Spring Garden Road Transit Pilot Presentation

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 24, 2022

Elora Wilkinson, Planner II, Infrastructure Planning, gave a presentation on the Spring Garden Road Streetscaping Project and the accessibility audit completed in 2020. It was noted Council provided direction for the transit-only pilot project in June of 2021 and once rolled out, it will be in place from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Wilkinson responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Water Street Functional Plan Presentation

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated February 28, 2022

Leen Romaneh, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning, gave a presentation on the Water Street Functional Plan which is located at the Water Street lands between Terminal Road and Historic properties. Romaneh further spoke to the design options and noted that this will tie into the Cogswell Project and will address gaps in the transportation network.

Romaneh responded to questions of clarification from the Committee with respect to accessible parking, 24-hour public use washrooms, bike lanes and accessible signage.

Elora Wilkinson Planner II, Infrastructure Planning advised that the Committee's suggestions can be passed along to Develop Nova Scotia, who own a large portion of the land on the waterfront.

9.1.3 Staff Updates – None

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support