

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**July 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Councillor George El-Jakl - Chair
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Loretta Nickerson, Resident - Representing Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion
- Boyd Scott – Resident

Absent were members:

- Denise Nickerson, Resident - Representing Nova Scotia Works
- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Accessibility Co-ordinator

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held June 17, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The two statements of commitment that were circulated at the last meeting were combined as requested. The newly drafted statement of commitment was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

Resolution AAC210701

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft Statement of Commitment be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Worksheets received for the following Areas of Focus were summarized and circulated to members in advance to the meeting:

- Goods and Services
- Information and Communications
- Transportation
- Employment

During discussion of the “Transportation Summary” it was noted that it was very important to include South West Nova Transit as they are a great asset and tool for us since there are no other transportation services offered in the Municipality.

Also during discussion of the “Employment Summary” it was noted that it is important to ask individuals what their needs are, instead of assuming what they are.

The next Area of Focus to be addressed is “Built Environment”. Worksheets will be forwarded to members next week for completion. The CAO informed members that the Overview Section should cover what the Municipality does currently.

The number of accessible parking spaces at each municipal facility was questioned. Information will be gathered and brought back to the next meeting of the committee.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – SURVEY/INTERVIEWS/ETC.

Public consultation was discussed.

It was agreed that an in-person public meeting be held to obtain feedback from the public and that a survey also be prepared and circulated to individuals and organizations representing people with disabilities, such as the Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion, Nova Scotia Works, Special Olympics, Senior Services, Warm Line, Barrington Area Lions Club, Bay Side Home, Churches, etc.

It was agreed that at our next meeting members would be given information on what a public meeting would look like and be provided with a draft survey for consideration.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting