



Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

359 Main Street

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- March 11, 2019

3. Public Input Period

Procedure: A thirty-minute time period will be provided for members of the public to address the Committee regarding questions, concerns and/or ideas. Each person will have a maximum of two minutes to address the Committee with a second two-minute time period provided if there is time remaining within the thirty-minute Public Input/Question Period timeframe

4. Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair.

5. Acadia Accessibility

- Update from University – James Sanford
- Accessibility Week Update – Agnieszka Hayes

6. Community Launch Event

- Feedback, Suggestions, next steps.



7. Accessibility Work Plan

- Discuss option for bi-monthly or quarterly meetings
- Next steps for Town Staff

8. Roundtable Discussion/Updates

- Provincial Award – League of Equal Opportunities

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10. Next Meeting Date

- June 10, 2019 (if monthly continued)

11. Adjournment

ATTENDING

- Chair – Agnieszka Hayes,
- Vice-Chair – Birgit Elssner,
- Councillor Mercedes Brian,
- Andrew Roach,
- David Daniels,
- Rebecca Smith, and
- Recording Secretary, Jean-Luc Prevost

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance and Accessibility Coordinator, Mike MacLean,
- Executive Director, Acadia Student Services, James Sanford

ABSENT WITH REGRET

- Mayor Jeff Cantwell,
- Emily Duffett,

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Agnieszka called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

- 1. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**
Andrew Roach acknowledged the passing of O’Neal Blackman, a long-time S.M.I.L.E participant and 5-year student in the Axxess Acadia Program.

CARRIED
- 2. Approval of the Minutes** **MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

CARRIED
- 3. Public Input / Question Period** There were no questions.
- 4. Acadia Update** Acadia Accessibility week began today. Chair, Agnieszka, attended a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Bruce on Changing Discussions about Disabilities in Academia.

The Committee also has their own presentation scheduled for Wednesday at 2pm. Which will consist of Chair Agnieszka, Councillor

Brian and Councillor Proudfoot sharing their thought and insights on the journey to establish a now-approved Accessibility Workplan for the Town.

James Sanford stated that he was pulling together different resources around establishing Acadia's Accessibility Advisory Committee. It is anticipated that post-secondary institutions will be prescribed the accessibility legislation in September 2019, resulting in a requirement for their own workplan by September 2020. He also mentioned that he will be visiting Dalhousie University this later this week to learn what they have done to create an accessibility auditing tool they are using to measure campus buildings.

5. **Approved Plan**
 - a. **Welcome Message**

The Committee went over another draft of the Welcome Message for the workplan. This time, the changes were minor and mostly grammatical.
 - b. **Biographies**

Director of Finance and Accessibility Coordinator, Mike MacLean Requested Committee members have their biographies in before the next meeting.
 - c. **Launch Event**

There is a launch event planned for the Workplan. The event will be held at the Farmers' Market during a Market Night with the goal of having as much foot traffic as possible. A doodlepoll will be sent out to secure a firm date and further planning will be brought back to the next meeting.
6. **Public Input Period**

There were no questions.
7. **Next meeting**

The next Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting is April 8, 2019
8. **Adjournment**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 5:44 PM

CARRIED

**Approved at the April 8, 2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.
As recorded by Jean-Luc Prevost, Administrative Assistant, Office of the CAO.**