

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

Location: Video Conference

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Laurier Samson, Ronalda Boudreau, Marcilyn Cianfarani, Maxine David, Allison Martell, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Kelly Hibbert, Natalie Groom and Jessica Gibson

Absent: Meghan Hayter

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

Moved by Jessica Gibson, seconded by Natalie Groom that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion carried

Review of Minutes re: December 16, 2021

Moved by Kelly Hibbert, seconded by Maxine David, that the minutes be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

Membership of Recruitment

- Discussed groups that were sent in and added new groups to the list such as: Autism NS, Strait Area Women's Place, Drop-in Place (Marie Burkey & Alice they have lots of community connections), Community Halls.
- Need representation from someone who lives the life and is able to speak of the struggles in their daily routine. Someone to represent the disability community.
- Laurier, Maxine and Amanda will connect to start working on list.

Consultant Update

- They requested to gather in a smaller group to discuss the rollout in a 3-hour workshop on Friday, January 7, 2022. Laurier, Amanda, Maxine, Meghan and Marcilyn will attend the workshop.
- Information will be brought back to the group and then we will set up a meeting with the consultant and the group.
- With increasing numbers, Covid is going to cause issues with community engagement.
- Lots of information coming our way over the next little bit so we may need to be as flexible as possible.

Items Added to the Agenda

- Richmond Arena (added in December 16 meeting but no discussion)
 - o Observed while at the arena that the elderly people were sitting on the bottom row and couldn't see. The reason for this was because they can't make it up the stairs. The stairs are steep and widely spread making it difficult for elderly, people with disabilities and parents with young children to go up and sit where it's heated. There is a new accessible ramp to the back of the arena but there is a lot of cold air blowing in that area.
 - o It would be nice to have some type of chair raise system or something to give everyone the same opportunities. Or maybe have another section of the arena that is heated, more accessible for a disability/elderly group.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on February 3, 2022 @ 4:00 pm.

- May need to have one before then keep an eye on your email.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Natalie Groom that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There be no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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