

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 2021; 7:00 P.M.

Location: Video Conference

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Deputy Warden Micheal Diggon, Laurier Samson, Ronalda Boudreau, Maxine David, Natalie Groom, Kelly Hibbert, Marcilyn Cianfarani

Absent: All Present

Introductions completed prior to calling meeting to order

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Marcilyn Cianfarani, seconded by Maxine David that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Nominations for the position of Chairperson

Explanation given of what is required of a chair person. Decision made to defer nominations to next meeting.

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson

Decision made to defer nominations to next meeting.

Terms of Reference/Scope of Work

Open discussion to see what everyone believes the role of the committee is.

- Provide recommendations to council regarding barriers and work towards make Richmond County a more accessible and safer place to live. Hoping they take advice.
- E-voting, highspeed/digital, more public transit
- Make spaces more accessible for everyone especially places such as parks, beaches, sidewalks, multi-use trails
- Incorporating people with disabilities into the workforce. Helping them feel as part of the community and making opportunities more inclusive
- Programming for special needs as well as programs to include people with special needs to be able to socialize within the community and feeling like part of a group

Amanda will incorporate parts of the discussion into the Terms of Reference and send out to the committee. Any further comments or information can be shared within the group email.

Accessibility Plan Timeline

We need to have a plan in place by March 2022.

Meeting Frequency

Everyone agreed that the meetings should happen monthly on Thursday's. Next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Review of Municipal Facilities

Municipal Office, Richmond Arena, Solid Waste Management Facility and Library in Petit de Grat. Municipal Office is the most up to date but still requires some accessibility options. All of the municipal facilities require accessibility updates but the arena is in the most need. There options for funding opportunities such as the Rick Hanson Foundation and the Community Accessibility Funds.

Community Consultations

Suggestions brought forward:

- Surveys – online, phone or in-person asking how and if they are affected and the barriers?
- Social Media
- Seniors coalition
- Further discussions to come in the few next meetings

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There were no items added to the agenda.

Adjournment

Moved by Natalie Groom, seconded by Kelly Hibbert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There be no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

VICE CHAIRPERSON:
