

## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23, 2021, 3:45 P.M.

Location: Video Conference

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Ronalda Boudreau, Maxine David, Allison Martell, Marcilyn Cianfarani,, Meghan Hayter, Jessica Gibson and Dorothy Barnard

Absent: Larurier Samson, Deputy Warden Michael Diggdon, Kelly Hibbert and Natalie Groom

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

### Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

Presentation on disability etiquette.

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

### Review of Minutes re: July 14, 2021

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

### Review of Minutes re: August 12, 2021

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

### Senior Take Action Coalition

- It was asked to a member of Senior Take Action Coalition if there would be interest to have someone from STAC be part of the committee to work together on making the county accessible. All aspects of accessible.
- It was suggested for the time being, that Maxine continue to be the link of communication between the committee and Senior Take Action Coalition

### Terms of Reference Update:

- Working closely with the Village of St. Peter's to ensure a consistent approach to accessibility planning throughout the County was added.
- With the expansion of members, it was added that the committee shall have between 4 and 12 members.

Moved by Jessica Gibson, seconded by Maxine David that the terms of reference be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### Council Approval of Members

- Amanda to bring the expanded members and terms of reference to council for approval.
- Original members of committee were approved by Council.

### Road Shoulders Advocacy

- Sent letter to Trevor Boudreau to bring letter forward to Public Works.
- Trevor discussed with Department of Transportation. They are going to consider widening roads going forward.
- Part of the PC platform is road work

### Election Advocacy

- Questions concerning some accessibility barriers did not get to the candidates
- Amanda will still send them to MP along with a congratulations on our behalf
- Amanda will reach out to Trevor Boudreau and Mike Kelloway to see if they can have a conversation with our group

### Website – Agenda/Minutes

- Put agenda and minutes on website
- Look into have a central spot for accessibility, maybe a sub page
- Make information accessible to all readers, have it in different formats

### Rieck Hansen Certification Update

- No update, agenda item to be added to next meeting

### RFP Update

- No update, agenda item to be added to next meeting

Some discussion had on subject:

- Community consultations and surveys are great ideas to find out the need
- Check to see if other municipalities have done surveys or consultations and update what they have to suit our needs

### Food Hub Service Area

- Get people access to good, fresh, healthy food
- Only one pick up and drop off location in all of Richmond County
- Cape Breton Island has an organization called food hub. Every Friday you can order fresh food from producers in Cape Breton.
- In future months they are hoping to be packing and shipping off in insulated boxes
- Council allocated \$2000 in support
- Good link in River Bourgeois, they have access to a refer.
- Would be good to partner with Food Hub

Customs House Job Opportunity

- Geared towards people with disabilities and seniors
- They are looking for a person to manage the store. Someone to clean and keep things organized, pays minimum wage
- It is located in a Heritage building on Granville Street

Regular Meeting Date/Time

- It was suggested to have the meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month
- Amanda will send email confirming

Next Steps

- Amanda will send questions to Mike and Trevor and see if they are willing to have a conversation with the committee
- Amanda will send letter she sent Trevor to committee members
- Amanda will reach out to Alicia to get more details regarding the food hub
- Amanda will send letter regarding our roads to the Minister
- Amanda will follow up with Laurier in regard to Rick Hansen Certification update and RFP update

Items Added to the Agenda

- Allison Martell presented her presentation on disability etiquette
- Allison will forward presentation to committee members

Adjournment

Moved by Marcilyn Cianfarani, seconded by Allison Martell that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried.

There be no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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