

SPECIAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

Location: Video Conference

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Laurier Samson, RONALDA BOUDREAU, Councillor Micheal Diggdon, Maxine David, Natalie Groom, Marcilyn Cianfarani, Allison Martell, Meghan Hayter and Jessica Gibson

Absent: Kelly Hibbert

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

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

- Municipal Planning Meeting (Plan Richmond)

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Allison Martell, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion of RFP

- Questions and concerns around the value of the Rick Hansen certification. Articles show there were building compliance issues, conflict of interest issues, issues with people with other disabilities not being included.
- After some inquires it seems as though they are the better one to have, even with all the concerns
- Email sent to Mike Greer from the Rick Hansen Foundation inquiring to see if any other municipality had gone through the certification process with them, still waiting for a response. It would provide us with a location reference and we could reach out to get their feedback on the process.
- Maybe do a reach out to Wolfville to see how they found the process.
- Cost to put buildings in the registry but no other cost is set.
- Approved \$15000 from the Active Communities Fund to put towards Rick Hansen certification. It can't be use for another certification as it is specific to the Rick Hansen Certification and expires in March of 2022.
- Question was asked if we should proceed with leaving the Rick Hansen Certification in the RFP or not due to the concerns that were brought up? The biggest issue we have is time. The plan needs to be completed by end of February to be approved by council in the March council meeting.
- Consensus was to leave the Rick Hansen certification in the RFP but continue to do our homework and do more research on the process. Hard process to figure out on our own so we can use their expertise as a starting point.

- Under community profile, added that we are 2 municipal units within the County and that the County is home to several vibrant cultures.
- The terms provided under commitment to accessibility were taken from the accessibility act which will be referenced.
- A proposed project description was circulated and reviewed. Discussed all points and decided to leave it to a 10-year plan rather than 3 years.
- Everyone has agreed to and are okay with all updates and for Laurier to release RFP once updated.

Next Steps

- Amanda to send changes to Laurier
- Laurier will update the changes and release the RFP

Items Added to the Agenda

Municipal Planning Meetings

- The province has mandated municipalities to have land use planning and zoning done for all areas of our municipality
- Some things have started: Presentation from upland studios was given at council meeting and a series of public meetings have been scheduled. Upland will be hosting a virtual session but not sure if it will be specific to Richmond
- Concerns there were no avenues to provide feedback if you couldn't be there. Email sent to ask about providing feedback and response was there will be something coming at the end of the month giving opportunity to provide feedback

Next meeting will be on November 18 @ 4:00 pm

Adjournment

Moved by Maxine David, seconded by Natalie Groom that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There be no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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