

SPECIAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 25, 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, and Meghan Hayter

Absent: Kelly Hibbert and Jessica Gibson

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

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

RFP Consultant Selection

Culture Ally

- Not extensive, but a lot of diversity in the workplace
- They have done really great work
- They mention virtual consultations but it sends a red flag because not everyone has internet, we need in-person consultations
- Nothing specifying how they are going to factor in the Rick Hansen Certification
- Culture of organization is fantastic
- Better price but no similar experience in writing plans
- They say Ontario and Nova Scotia but don't see any experiences in Nova Scotia
- Hard to do in-person consultations if they are located in Ontario

Intelligent Futures & Level Playing Field

- Based in Vancouver, Alberta and Ontario, very urban
- They have a well put together presentation
- No diversity, need to see more diversity
- Partnering with Level Playing Field is a great idea
- No mention of community consultations
- Feel like they understand what disable people face and that they do accessible from the start to avoid fixing in the future
- Seem to use a data walk approach
- They are working with Kings County on an accessibility plan
- Rick Hansen piece does not seem to be included in budget
- Seems expensive

Other discussions

- Committee needs to do scoring sheet and send to Laurier by Monday
- Need to ask questions to both parties before deciding
- Preferred company seems to be Intelligent Futures & Level Playing Field so we start with asking them questions
- Need to check references
- Laurier will reach out to someone in Kings County to see how they feel about the company

- Clarification required from Intelligent Futures:
 - 1). Will there be in-person community consultations?
 - 2). Clarification on Rick Hansen Certification
 - 3). Find out if taxes are included in price

- Clarification required from ask Culture Ally:
 - 1). Will there be in-person community consultations?
 - 2). Budget for Rick Hansen certification seems low
 - 3). Elaboration on Rick Hansen certification
 - 4). Have they worked in Nova Scotia, if some can they provide us with some references?

Adjournment

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

There be no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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