

## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Location: Video Conference

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Mike Diggdon, Kelly Hibbert, Allison Martell, Natalie Groom, Esther MacDonnell, Ashley Lavandier, Shelly Dorey

Absent: Ronalda Boudreau, Shannon Mury, Meghan Hayter, Jessica MacDougall

Introduction of New Members: Welcome Shelly Dorey and Ashley Lavandier!

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

- No items added

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

Review of Minutes Re: September 8, 2022 meeting:

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Kelly Hibbert that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Planning for Accessibility Week (May 28, 2023 - June 3, 2023):

Ideas for celebrating accessibility week discussed as follows:

- Sharing first person stories. Social media campaign. Partner with Telile to do interviews and broadcast throughout the week.
- County do up a Recognition of that Week with a Statement. Flag Raising. Create a Catchphrase.
- Speaker to talk about barriers they face.
- Get local businesses involved. Recognize local businesses – certificate from our accessibility committee. Workshop on being accessible and accessible employment.
- Get Schools involved. Get a speaker into a school.
- Accessibility Walks – invite community champions (councillors?).
- SAT participation
- Interpretive materials for our plan and have some open sessions.

- Emergency Registry for people with disabilities in the situation of catastrophic events – partner with EMO and Fire Departments.
- “Trip Advisor” type stamp of approval for accessibility. Several years back, Amanda had conversations on this type of idea with DCBA and will circle back with them.

Action Items reviewed and agreed upon by consensus related to Accessibility Week:

- Amanda will contact Telile about interviews.
- Amanda will ask Shannon to reach out to schools re: speakers.
- Amanda will ask Chamber to partner on accessibility workshops.
- Amanda will reach out to DCBA to discuss “Trip Advisor” type certification.
- Put Accessibility Week Planning on next agenda.

#### Committee Membership/Recruitment:

Discussion on the need to continue recruiting. It was moved by Natalie, seconded by Esther to recommend to Council to advertise for members with lived experience in a Reporter newspaper ad for this month. Motion Carried.

Direct outreach is also important to continue.

#### Prioritization of our Plan:

Ashley and Shelly haven’t seen the plan, so Amanda will send it to them. We’ll defer this to our next meeting.

Action Items reviewed and agreed upon by consensus related to prioritizing our plan:

- Amanda will send the Accessibility Plan to our new members.
- Amanda will ask staff to help prepare for an in-person meeting on October 27.

#### Next meeting:

In Person at Council Chambers on October 27 at 5pm. Get snacks! 😊

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.