

## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers, Arichat

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Mike Diggdon, Allison Martell, Esther MacDonnell, Shelly Dorey, Jessica MacDougall, Shannon Mury, Meghan Hayter, Chantal Boudreau

Absent: Ronalda Boudreau, Ashely Lavandier, Natalie Groom, Kelly Hibbert

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Introductions: A round table took place.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

- No items added

Moved by Jessica MacDougall, seconded by Ester MacDonnell that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes Re: October 6, 2022 meeting:

Moved by Shelly Dorey, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

Warden Mombourquette provided an update of the discussions that took place at the previous meeting and the following points were brought forward:

- An update was provided on the idea of partnering with the high schools in the County. It was noted that École Beau Port responded that they are interested in partnering with the committee. Further outreach will be made for Richmond Academy and the Mi'kmawey School;
- The Strait Area Chamber of Commerce and Destination Cape Breton will be contacted in the new year to discuss partnership opportunities;
- A discussion ensued regarding conducting a living library; Committee members have been identified to explore this option further and potentially partner with Telile;
- A discussion ensued regarding having a “walk” during Accessibility week. It was suggested that it be called “Move It”;
- Staff will reach out to the YMCA of Cape Breton to explore partnership opportunities with the Opportunity Fund Coordinator and the Nova Scotia Works School Liaison;
- An update was provided on the Rick Hansen Certification process for three of Richmond County buildings, the administration building, the landfill scale house and the Petit de Grat library.

The Warden reviewed the fourteen recommendations from the Accessibility Plan, the following points were brought forward:

- An updated was provided on the municipal website;
- The following recommendations were considered top priority:
  - Municipal Website revamp
  - Rich Hansen Certification of the County buildings
  - Sidewalk access regarding snow and gravel removal
  - Business survey/education in regards to achieving accessibility by 2030

It was noted that there should be a standing agenda item to ensure updates are provided on action items to keep the committee on track.

The committee discussed holding a prioritizing/strategy check in during the committee meeting scheduled for June 2023. The outcome of this meeting could be used to hold a “town hall” session with the public to showcase the progress of the committee.

A discussion ensued regarding Telile attending and recording the meetings. Consensus of the committee was to not have the meetings recorded.

Next meeting:

4:00 pm December 8, 2022, virtually

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.