

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 04, 2024

4:15 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Esther McDonnell, Shannon Mury, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Jessica MacDougall, Chantal Boudreau, Meghan Hayter, Shelly Dorey, Danielle Marell

Absent: Ashley Lavandier

Quorum Present – Yes

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda):

- St. Peter's Adult Drop-In Program

*Moved by Jessica MacDougall, seconded by Esther McDonnell, that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion carried.***

Review of Minutes Re: March 07, 2024, Meeting:

- No edits noted for March 2024, Minutes.

*Moved by Jessica MacDougall, seconded by Shelly Dorey that the minutes of April 05, 2024, be approved as presented. **Motion carried.***

Access Awareness Week Calendar of Events:

A. Confirmation of dates

- St. Peter's Move It event – event changed to 1 pm rather than 2 pm
- Pending confirmation of partnership with Adult Drop In, a networking event before the Move IT event is slated for the St. Peter's Lions Hall
- There was consensus to remove the town hall title but keep the information and networking session, building it into the Move It Events
- Allison & Meghan have offered to take on the logistics for the St. Peter's Move It Event.
- Proclamation and flag raising have been added to the PAANS website.

- Danielle and Shannon will purchase pins, and Meghan currently has event stickers.
- A discussion was had on locations for Move It Events – The consensus was to use the walking track in St. Peter’s and the sidewalk on the high road in Arichat. Danielle & Shannon will submit a Completed application request for a Special Event on a Provincial Highway.
- Use of sandwich boards was suggested for directional assistance for the St. Peter’s Move It Event.
- Exploration of a provincial silent disco- June 01 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Danielle will explore this opportunity and report back to the committee. The committee was in favor of hosting a silent disco in Richmond County

B. YMCA of Cape Breton Sponsorship

Shannon has been in contact with the YMCA and has secured sponsorship funding for the light refreshments at Access Awareness Week events.

Danielle and Shannon will be applying for funding through NS LEO - PAANS

C. Motion to Council re: Flag Raising and Proclamation Event

Motion:

*Moved by Esther McDonnell, seconded by Shelly Dorey, The Accessibility and Advisory Committee recommends to the Council that The Municipality of the County of Richmond host a flag-raising and proclamation event on May 27th at 10 AM. **Motion carried.***

D. Motion to The St. Peter’s Village Commission re: Proclamation Event

Motion:

*Moved by Esther McDonnell, seconded by Jessica MacDougall, The Accessibility and Advisory Committee recommends that The St. Peter’s Village Commission host a proclamation in support of Access Awareness Week at their next monthly meeting. **Motion carried.***

Adult Drop-In Update:

- Esther McDonnell provided them with an update on services at the Drop-In. She also spoke to barriers participants face when accessing transportation to the drop-in.
- Danielle provided the committee with information on NSHA Community Health Board funding and noted that she would follow up with the Seniors Safety Coordinator to investigate this opportunity with the Adult Drop-in individuals.

Updates on the Action Items list

- Plan refresh – Supports will be made available through the AMANS. Danielle will contact AMANS to determine to what extent the is needed for the refresh and review what other municipalities' approaches are. Over the next two weeks, staff will seek clarity, and provide the committee with an update via email.
- A conversation was had with the Chamber regarding training opportunities, now the chamber is at capacity. The action item is updated to reflect this.
- Danielle will update action items to reflect the confirmed tasks for Access Awareness week.

Committee Membership Recruit New Member

- No updates on member recruitment

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be a virtual meeting, on Thursday, May 02, 2024, at 4:15 pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm, by Warden Amanda Mombourquette