

December 5, 2024

4:00 pm

Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 (Reception Floor)

1435 Water Street

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1. Call to Order

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx/Okanagan people.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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October 3, 2024

November 7, 2024 (no confirmation/quorum)

3. Reports

3.1 Accessibility Plan - Recommendations Review

4. New Business

5. Next Meeting

2025 - day of the month/week that works best (Discussion)

6. Meeting Termination

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date:	Thursday, October 3, 2024
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	Meeting Room 5
Members Present	Paul Clark (Chair), Michelle Hewitt (Vice Chair), Beth Flynn, Karine Veldhoen
Members Participating Remotely	Randy LeBlanc, Hana Cairns, Jeff Bourne*
Members Absent	Celynne Hurst
Staff Present	Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager; Robert Parlane, Parks & Buildings Planning Manager, Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)
Staff participating Remotely	Michael Jud, Deputy City Clerk

* Denotes partial attendance

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order by at 4:00 p.m.

Opening remarks, including territorial acknowledgement, were provided.

The passing of Michael Prescott was recognized. He was a provincial leader that contributed a significant amount to advancements in accessibility in the province.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By Michelle Hewitt /Seconded by Beth Flynn

THAT the Minutes of September 5, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

3. Reports

3.1 Accessibility Plan

Staff:

- Provided an update on the Kelowna Accessibility Plan.
- To date 258 responses to the survey have been received.

Vice Chair:

- Spoke to the recent launch of the podcast, *Disability with Possibility*.

3.2 Accessibility webpage

Staff:

- Advised that the webpage on the City website now lists members of the Committee.

3.3 Shared e-folder access

Staff:

- Advised a new email will go out to confirm shared folder access is working for all Committee members and offer support if there are access concerns.

3.4 Action item/service request spreadsheets - September

Staff:

- Reviewed the previous month's service requests. Staff will share the spreadsheet with the consultants working on the Accessibility Plan.

Vice-Chair:

- Spoke to the public's opportunity to review the final draft of the Accessibility Plan and how that needs to take place

3.5 RPRC Project

Staff:

- Spoke to the requirements for the design team and contractors working on the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC) to meet conditions of approval to be at a Rick Hansen certification standard.
- A Rick Hansen certifier is working with the project team.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Jeff Bourne joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

3.6 Membership Selection - Mariko & Clint

Staff:

- Advised the application deadline will be extended to October 11th to encourage more applicants.

4. Committee expectations – Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair:

- Spoke to the expectations of committee members.
- Advised that no comments were meant to be personally critical at the last meeting.
- Reminded the Committee of the group's potential to drive change and develop bylaws and policies.
- A future change to the Terms of Reference was discussed to embrace remote participation from members and not discourage anyone who may not be able to easily attend in person.

5. New Business

- CART services were discussed to address any hearing assist challenges with committee meetings.
- Discussion ensued regarding federal standards and the inability to accommodate participants in a recent federal committee meeting due to accessibility challenges.

6. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is November 7, 2024.

7. **Meeting Termination**

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Paul Clark, Chair

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room 3 & 4

Members Present Michelle Hewitt (Vice Chair), Karine Veldhoen

Members Participating Remotely Celynne Hurst

Members Absent Paul Clark (Chair), Beth Flynn, Randy LeBlanc, Hana Cairns, Jeff Bourne

Staff Present Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager; Robert Parlane, Parks & Buildings Planning Manager; Jennifer Hostland, Strategic Transportation Planning Manager; Brittany Hallam, Integrated Transportation Department Manager; Gordon Foy, Transportation Engineering Manager; Kamil Rogowski, Transportation Engineer Safety and Systems; Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

* Denotes partial attendance

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Opening remarks, including territorial acknowledgement, were provided.

The Vice Chair advised that the meeting does not have quorum. No resolutions will be passed on any information discussed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Not confirmed. Quorum not present.

3. Reports

3.1 Casorso ATC - staff presentation

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update on a number of transportation projects regarding accessibility including the Casorso Active Transportation Corridor, the Leckie Active Transportation Corridor and the Bertram Multiuse Overpass.
- Spoke to how the transportation and accessibility plans are working in tandem and the sharing of information by the consultants.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.
- The Casorso report will be available electronically in the Committee's SharePoint folder.

Concerns related to the inaccessibility and infrequency of the handyDart system were raised.

Staff advised that a provincial review of the handyDart system is currently underway and that they would try and get more information to the Committee.

3.2 Accessibility Plan - engagement – update

Staff:

- Advised a meeting of over 40 City staff is scheduled November 14th to go through the consultants report on what we heard from the community.
- Advised that the draft recommendations to the Accessibility Plan will be electronically circulated to committee members in the next few days.
- Discussion ensued on the timing of reporting out to Council after the final draft of the plan is ready.

3.3 Service Requests - last month

Staff provided a review of incoming requests since the last committee meeting.

3.4 Committee Members - recruitment & selection update

Staff provided an update on the extension to the application period and the review of candidates

4. New Business

Discussion ensued regarding the CNIB tour of transit accessibility concerns in the community and the invitation to the City to attend. Staff liaisons to the Committee were not aware of the CNIB tour. The Mayor's Office was invited to attend.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 5, 2024.

6. Meeting Termination

The meeting was terminated at 5:13 p.m.

Michelle Hewitt, Vice Chair