

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room 5

Members Present Paul Clark (Chair), Michelle Hewitt (Vice Chair), Hana Cairns, Karine Veldhoen, Beth Flynn, Jeff Bourne

Members Absent Randy LeBlanc, Celynne Hurst

Staff Present Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Robert Parlane, Parks & Buildings Planning Manager; Michael Jud, Deputy City Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Opening remarks, including territorial acknowledgement, were provided.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By Michelle Hewitt/Seconded by Karine Veldhoen

THAT the Minutes of November 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Reports

3.1 Accessibility Plan – Recommendations - review

Staff:

- Provided an overview of actions which have been recommended for inclusion in the City's Accessibility Plan and responded to questions.

Members of the Committee offered feedback on the relative importance and priority ranking of the various actions. Items flagged as high priority included:

- Creation of a dedicated staff position to promote accessibility.
- Review of corporate language around accessibility.
- Remuneration for individuals with disabilities who are consulted by the City or who otherwise participate in City engagement activities.
- Review of accessibility of public washrooms on City property.
- Review of handyDART service.
- Developing a communications strategy to raise awareness around accessibility issues.

Additional items flagged included:

- Importance of ongoing maintenance of City infrastructure to prevent accessibility issues from developing, e.g. cracks, potholes, etc.
- Issues related to Lime Scooters, e.g. scooters being left in the middle of sidewalks.

4. **New Business**

Staff are working to fill vacant positions on the committee. A list of candidates will be presented to Council for consideration in the near future.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2025.

Members will be canvassed as to preference for monthly meeting time in 2025 once the new members are appointed.

6. **Meeting Termination**

The meeting was terminated.

Paul Clark, Chair

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