



MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

Thursday, July 4, 2024 AT
4:30PM

CKF Boardroom (2nd floor)

Langley City Hall 20399
Douglas Crescent

Present: Councillor Delaney Mack, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Co-Chair
Anthony Ormrod, Representative of a Person with Disabilities
Zosia Ettenberg, Representative of a Person with Disabilities
Jaclyn Edwards, Member at Large
Ron Burgen, Senior Representative
Kirsten McKitterick, Representative of a Person with Disabilities
Wendy Rachwalski, Member at Large

Staff: Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Social Planning
Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

Regrets: Diane Sugars, Member Representing Indigenous Peoples
Kim Bucholtz, Inclusion Langley Representative
Beckett Zeller, Manager of Human Resources

The Chair began by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1. **AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 4, 2024 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 6, 2024, minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **PRESENTATION**

Langley Restorative Dialogue 2024: What We Heard Report – Dena Kae Beno

Langley Social, Cultural and Economic Development Framework

- Update on the restorative community dialogue – presentation on four keys areas, update on actions and focus on Community Safety, Health and Wellness. For key themes: poverty reduction; community integration; community safety, health and wellness; and community infrastructure and assets
- Poverty reduction – equity, access to participation pathways, support networks Station Café Co-design: RFP has been released. Closes July 19. Award Date around August 8th. Test period launch Sept 12
- Community integration: increased access to opportunities to increase social cohesion, increase community social and economic development with our citizens. This leads to an improved sense of health, safety and wellbeing at a personal, family, neighbourhood and community level.
- Community Safety, Health and Wellness nesting outcomes - What does access look like at each level. At an emergency level or elevated level what is required to support early intervention. What does access look like if creating a healthy vibrant community?
- Social, Cultural and Economic Development Co-Design Team Process - AAC committee members get an invite?

Ms. Beno asked the AAC: What does access look like to you? Thoughts?

Committee Member Burgon – work towards a barrier free environment from physical to mental health for the future; as barrier free in thinking in everything we do.

Committee Member Ettenberg – one challenge is people don't identify the barriers as they are not living it; i.e. accessible parking stalls. When completing audits, must have a person with lived experience involved in the audit. Might meet the building code but does not meet the needs.

Committee Member Ormrod – people do not realize their impact; they don't have a 360 degree of their impact. Like a rock into a pond and how the rings spread out. Awareness

Committee Member Ettenberg – need to work on communication and education. Connecting with others; various ways to get information out to people not just online or social media.

Councillor Wallace – really appreciated Langley Pos-Abilities challenge event, provided a better understanding of the challenges people face.

4. **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) 2024 AAC Work Plan
- b) AAC Survey subcommittee – Updated survey to be sent to the committee with the changes discussed at last meeting.
- c) Accessibility Audit subcommittee – Committee Member Edwards will send out an updated spreadsheet.

5. **FOR INFORMATION**

Discussion ensued around the audit. Auditor should have both an able bodied and one with a disability. People with disabilities often offer their time free to audit stuff and should be included with the auditor. Invisible disabilities too. Add to the terms of reference.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to council that the procurement process for the accessibility audit(s) include a requirement for the auditor(s) to include voices of people with varied lived experiences to inform the audit and strategic plan.

CARRIED

Have an accessibility plan built into construction plans. This could be included as part of the strategy.

Traffic impact statements/plans are standard but the City should require a pedestrian impact statement during construction as well.

6. **ROUNDTABLE**

Committee Member Burgon - Handi dart strike, not wearing uniforms. Trying to bring the service back into Translink. It is privately contracted out on the back of seniors

Committee Member Ormrod – moving forward with accessibility, the government encouraging housing growth, moving forward building codes are going to radically change so accessibility is built in 100% of time. Which will cost more and be passed onto the consumer, which makes everything more expensive.

Note: Sept 5 Play Spaces Audit Report Presentation – Louise OShea and Lison Daubigeon, SPARC BC

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:15pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

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DIRECTOR OF RECREATION, CULTURE & COMMUNITY
SERVICES