



MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, January 4, 2024
AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Councillor Deaney Mack, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Co-Chair
Zosia Ettenberg, Committee Member
Cherise Okeymow, Committee Member
Kirsten McKitterick, Committee Member
Kim Bucholtz, Committee Member

Staff: Kim Hilton, Director, Recreation, Culture and Community Services
Beckett Zeller, Manager, Human Resources, Dawn Ponte, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Elizabeth Keurvorst, Committee Member, Jaclyn Edwards, Committee Member, Diane Sugars, Committee Member, Anthony Ormrod, Committee Member, Ron Burgen, Committee Member, Aman Sangha, Committee Member

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.

Quorum for this meeting was not met.

1) **DISCUSSION**

a) Review of Committee procedures

The Chair reviewed procedures in the absence of sufficient quorum, and proceeded with a review of the November 16th, 2023 committee meeting.

b) Committee Terms of Reference

Chair Reviewed the Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate

The committee's role is to assist the City of Langley in identifying accessibility and inclusion barriers that City staff and community members experience, or may experience, in the course of interacting with the City in the following areas:

- Employment
- Delivery of service
- The built environment
- Information and Communications
- Transportation and Procurement

c) Accessibility Audit

The Chair addressed the committee that the City of Langley is hiring an external specialist as an accessibility auditor.

d) Feedback mechanism as per Legislation

Kim Hilton, Director, Recreation, Culture and Community Services proposed inviting Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services and Scott Kennedy, Fire Chief to attend the next committee meeting to speak on their accessibility plan. Inquires directed to Carl Johannsen on his accessible plan include affordable and subsidized housing that is specifically built to be accessible. Queries for Chief Kennedy include accessibility fire safety, including powered chairs.

Chair and Co-chair Wallace are pursuing advocates for inclusion, mental health and neurodivergence, with expertise to attend the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

2) **ROUNDTABLE**

Committee Members:

- Suggestion to have designated parking at City facilities for Uber or cab drivers offering a safe area for those with accessibility challenges.
- Create Accessible washrooms in transit locations such as Skytrain.
- Suggestion on fire safety. Possibly create a newsletter to inform the public on power chair procedures.
- A request that the Development Services Department require accessible suites/rentals including low-income, power chair parking, accessible bathrooms at Skytrain
- Training, documentation for staff on invisible disabilities
- Suggestion that a mental health advocate to be included in Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Chair:

- ADP (Advisory Design Panel) representative will be meeting regarding accessible development packaging.
- Feedback mechanism as per legislation. We are looking at the procedures and creating success. Online forum, multiple access points. FRVL, LSRS, Business, rotary, campaign cards
- Margot Wokes, advocates for autism, may be a candidate to speak on Autism.

Kim Hilton, Director, Recreation, Culture and Community Services shared a document titled "Words Matter". Possibility of providing a speaker or training for staff on language and words pertaining to accessibility and inclusion.

Chair:

Next Meeting – February 1, 2024

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourns at 5:42 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

COMMITTEE CLERK