



MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

FEBRUARY 6, 2025
AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Councillor Delaney Mack, Chair
Councillor Leith White, Co-Chair
Zosia Ettenberg, Representative of a Person with Disabilities
Kirsten McKitterick, Representative of a Person with Disabilities
Ron Bergen, Senior Representative
Diane Sugars, Member Representing Indigenous People
Shawn Peters, Support of a Person with Disabilities
Paul Dostal, Support of a Person with Disabilities
Wendy Rachwalski, Member at Large
Jaclyn Edwards, Member at Large
Ardee Sharma, Member at Large

Staff: Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services,
Michele Payne, Recreation Supervisor

Regrets: Ty Ankerholm, Inclusion Langley Representative
Beckett Zeller, Manager of Human Resources

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

Prior to the meeting, a welcome and introduction of new committee members took place.

1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 6, 2025, agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 5, 2024, Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Ms. Edwards entered at 4:40pm

Ms. McKitterick entered at 4:41pm

3. FOR DISCUSSION

a. Langley City website accessibility feature update

The text to speech feature of the website was demonstrated. It was noted that the icon and font on the home page is small and difficult to see for those with vision impairments. It was also noted that the location of the icon in the bottom right corner is not where the eye is drawn and a location in the middle or side of the screen would be better.

ACTION: Staff will investigate what, if any, adjustments can be made and will report back.

b. Committee Terms of Reference

The Chair reviewed the ToR and highlighted the role and mandate of the committee.

c. Open House Survey Results

Committee members were asked to review the survey results and bring forward any questions at the next meeting.

d. BC Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project update

It was reported that the Province of BC has renewed the pilot project, which started April 5, 2024, for a four-year term with new regulations. The City of Langley is not a participating community in the pilot program.

Mr. Bergen expressed disappointment that it will take that long to complete. He noted that without bylaws in place to protect residents and visitors around the use of micromobility devices; municipalities could be at risk for liability.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that council review and consider developing guidelines and bylaws on the use of micromobility devices for the protection and safety of the citizens of Langley City.

CARRIED

e. BCBC Illustrated Guide on Accessibility

Ms. Ettenberg commented that this is an important document to reference to understand the difference between adaptable and accessible.

ACTION: Staff to confirm who is responsible for ensuring accessibility in new builds, and answer if the City of Langley can go above and beyond the BC Building Code to require developers to implement enhanced accessibility.

f. 2024/2025 Work Plan discussion

Ms. Hilton reported that she will update the 2025 with items that need to be rolled over from 2024 and the committee can discuss any new initiatives.

SPARC BC is beginning the audit on Monday, February 10th.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION

Breakout sessions are deferred to the next meeting as new committee members may be interested in joining a sub-committee.

An updated was provided on the Indigenous Consultation Committee which currently has three members. The first meeting is Feb 28th.

ACTION: Staff to report on any policies around the BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) and/or Indigenous consultation for review and discussion.

5. ROUNDTABLE

An email will be sent to committee members to consent to the disclosure of their email addresses to other members.

An opportunity is available for a committee member to participate in an interview for a future publication and/or promotion. Mr. Bergen is interested in participating.

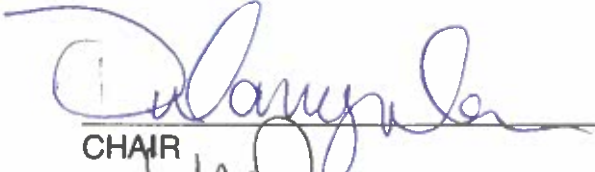
6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

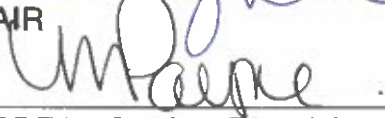
THAT the meeting adjourns at 5:55pm

CARRIED

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CHAIR



RECREATION SUPERVISOR