

## **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

July 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

District Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93635016031?pwd=RmxjRVBBWGt2SnBGT1hwVnZ4OGlrQT09>

Phone: 1-855-703-8985 (Toll-free)

Meeting ID: 936 3501 6031 Passcode: 939381

Committee Present: Chair E. Blackburn, C. Carter, D. Schindler, A. Pek, K. Grywinski

Staff/Council Present: Councillor R. McMeeken, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Economic Development Clerk R. Dumoulin, Local Government Intern, R. Paulsen

Visitors Present: Jana Shaule, Better at Home  
Shannon Bezo, CNC/WorkBC  
Adele Barnes, Mackenzie Autumn Lodge

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM.

*Chair Blackburn acknowledged the land on which we gather is within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.*

### **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **2.1 AIAC Committee Meeting - April 27, 2023**

The minutes of the April 27, 2023, AIAC Committee Meeting were adopted as presented.

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion: AIAC-21**

**Moved by:** C. Carter

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS**

6.1 Better at Home Program Presentation

Jana Shaule, Better at Home Coordinator from Mackenzie Community Services, provided a presentation about the new Better at Home program.

6.2 Business Brochure

A planning meeting will be held in August to start preparations for the presentation. It was suggested that the committee attend at least once a year with new topics for business owners.

**Motion: AIAC-22**

**Moved by:** K. Grywinski

THAT the Committee attend the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon in September to present the new business brochure and other resources.

**CARRIED**

6.3 Memorial Bench Program

Committee was happy to see several benches put in place this summer and that Council approved their recommendations to the Memorial Bench Program. Several comments were shared and hoped to be passed on to staff before new ones are installed:

- The size of the additional pad is still a little small, could be larger to accommodate larger wheelchairs.
- The soil is soft and starting to create divets around the concrete. Would it be possible to use a more accessible and packable material around the bench as it is difficult to access with current material. Suggested using a harder pack mineral soil, similar to what was used out at the Gantahaz Lake site.
- A map with all the accessible benches would be a great resource.
- Suggest more marketing of the program.

#### 6.4 Event Checklist

Committee asked whether the Rockin' the Ridgeline Event could follow a similar accessible event checklist to that attached to the agenda shared by ODLAN. Few items of note that the committee felt was lacking from advertising:

- Where are the events being held (ie. event map)
- What accessibility amenities are available and where are they located (washrooms, shuttles, non-biking activities, noise free zone etc.)
- Is there someone you could phone to find out more?

Emily and Rachelle are going to contact Recreation Services staff to discuss and see if any amendments to their advertising can be made at this time.

#### 6.5 Accessible Parking

Comments were shared that the accessible parking spots in front of the Recreation Centre are too narrow to safely enter or exit a vehicle. Mackenzie Public Library is willing to give up one of the parking spots to make room for larger accessible parking spaces. Staff will be looking into whether the lots can be made larger. An example shared was the Prince George Costco parking spaces.

#### 6.6 Resource Library

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

#### 6.7 Community Resource Document

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

#### 6.8 Marketing and Advertising

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

#### 6.9 Development Permit Area

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

#### 6.10 Tracking of Barriers

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

#### 6.11 Activities to Date

Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

6.12 Debrief - Accessibility Week and Red Shirt Day and Intergenerational Day  
Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

6.13 Taxi Saver Program Update  
Emily provided a brief update on the changes to the District's Taxi Saver Program and new partnership with the Better at Home Program. She will be sharing the new policy and financials with the Committee to review and make any recommendations for the 2024 program budget. Staff will also look into the Kelowna model for their similar program.

6.14 BC Accessibility Hub  
Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

6.15 Visitor Centre Caboose  
Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

6.16 Alexander Mackenzie Landing  
Deferred to Next Quarterly Meeting

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**8. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next Quarterly meeting will be held in October 2023.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: AIAC-23**

**Moved by:** Chair E. Blackburn

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:04 PM.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Corporate Officer