

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

October 17, 2023, 12:00 p.m. District Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93635016031?pwd=RmxjRVBBWGt2SnBGT1hwVnZ4OGIrQT09 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 Present:	Economic Development Clerk R. Dumoulin, Councillor R. McMeeken
Visitors Present:	Stakeholder Attendance - Justin Hawkins (SD57)

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:05 p.m.

Mayor Atkinson 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 <u>AIAC Committee Meeting - July 4, 2023</u>

The minutes of the July 4, 2023, AIAC Committee Meeting were adopted as presented.

2.2 <u>AIAC Committee Meeting - September 12, 2023</u>

The minutes of the September 12, 2023, AIAC Committee Meeting were adopted as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: Motion: AIAC-24

Moved by: D. Schindler

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

N/A

5. <u>REPORTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS</u>

5.1 Kate Milne Action Plan Report Update

Rachelle provided an update on the status of the Action Plan Report. The committee is currently waiting for Public Works to do their part in reviewing the actions listed. When the review is complete, the committee will then have the opportunity to prioritize the actions.

5.2 Disability Parking

Parking Spaces to be considered for measurement are the following spaces:

- Recreation Centre

- WorkBC

WorkBC parking spaces may need further discussion due to the size of the curb and the accessibility to the ramp.

Recommendation - size, line paint, and proper signage to be included in the bylaw.

Resolution: AIAC-25

Moved by: C. Carter

Request Council to have staff bring a report to Council to look at parking in the bylaw.

CARRIED

5.3 <u>Memorial Bench Update</u>

Kimberly tested out the new benches that were installed this past summer with an extension of 36". She found the new extension of 36" to be still too tight and the approach to be inaccessible. The committee recommends that the extension be increased to 48" and to include mineral soil for approach.

5.4 <u>Business Recognition</u>

Kimberly will research what other communities are doing to recognize their businesses for accessibility.

Looking at a possible 3-star system. One star for inviting the committee for a 'Walk and Roll', two stars for making an effort to improve accessibility and 3 stars for being an accessible business.

Businesses that have participated in a 'Walk and Roll' thus far are The Legion, Mackenzie Community Services, and Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

5.5 <u>Resource Library</u>

Liz will forward additional resource documents to Rachelle to post on the website.

Kimberly will send Rachelle supplier contacts to add to the website.

5.6 <u>Community Resource Document</u>

Deferred until the next meeting.

- 5.7 Marketing and Advertising
 - Kimberly will email the 'Tip of the Week' to Rachelle for her to post on the District website. Rachelle will utilize the template used during Accessible Week.
 - Rachelle to fix the upside-down page of the 'Inclusion is within Everyone's Ability' brochure
 - Rachelle to colour code the brochures.

5.8 Development Permit Area

Waiting for feedback.

5.9 <u>Tracking of Barriers</u>

For reference.

5.10 Activities to Date

Rachelle will update website with new activities completed.

5.11 Debrief - Accessibility Week and Red Shirt Day and Intergenerational Day

Deferred until the next meeting.

5.12 BC Accessibility Hub

Rachelle will add this link to the Resource section of the Accessibility and Inclusion webpage.

5.13 <u>Visitor Centre Caboose</u>

The committee discussed the inaccessibility of the visitor centre out at the Caboose. The committee made a suggestion that the District of Mackenzie purchase a magazine stand that can be brought outside to the base of the Caboose ramp and brought back in at the end of the day by the employees of the Visitor Centre.

5.14 Other Discussion Topics

- Raye advised Viktor Brumovsky to be the new Council Liaison alternate. Lunch hour works best for him to attend meetings.
- Cassandra mentioned the grant funding Jesse Wright has received, and the possibility it could be used for Rick Hanson certification.
- Justin Hawkins (SD57) advised that School District 57 has a feedback form on their accessibility page for the public to access. https://www.sd57.bc.ca/apps/pages/accessibility
- Justin Hawkins (SD57) will share the SD57 Accessibility and Inclusion plan with the committee.

6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

N/A

7. <u>REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS</u>

8. <u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u>

9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2pm.