



Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 20, 2024, 3:00 p.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, K. Grywinski, D. Schindler, A. Pek

Staff Present: Councillor R. McMeeken, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Rowan Paulsen

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:05 PM.

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 - January 17, 2024

The minutes of the AIAC Committee Meeting held on January 17, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: AIAC-33

Moved by: K. Grywinski

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

5. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

5.1 Action Plan

The committee asked Emily for an update on the action plan. Emily said that the plan was still undergoing necessary edits and will be presented to Council at the May 6th Regular Meeting. Once accepted by council, a pre-prepared Radio Ad will be launched and highlights of the plan will be shared.

5.2 Walk and Roll - Municipal Office and Public Works

The Committee will have a Walk and Roll of the Municipal Office and Public Works in May.

5.3 Accessibility - Recreation Centre

The committee discussed access barriers at the Recreation Centre. Bleacher seating at the arena, possible courtesy seating locations, evacuation routes, issues with vehicles parked blocking the curb cut at the front entrance, and accessible washroom signage were identified as areas that require attention and improvement.

5.4 Tourism - Information Centre/Caboose

5.5 Tip of the Week

Committee members discussed distributing weekly tips related to the committee's topics and initiatives. The committee identified the district website, facebook, and the radio as platforms to share the tips on.

5.6 Transportation

The Committee discussed how to retain Evergreen Taxi as a service and the importance of finding a community solution.

5.7 Spring Expo

The committee discussed the cancellation of the Spring Expo due to repairs of the arena's slab replacement.

5.8 Imagine Grant – Accessible Park Assets

The committee will be involved in the planning process. The committee discussed alternative parks and other locations that could be made accessible with the grant funding.

Resolution: AIAC-34

Moved by: C. Carter

THAT the Accessibility Committee assists the District of Mackenzie with a pilot program to plan and test accessible park assets.

CARRIED

5.9 Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC – Application Support & Consideration

Resolution: AIAC-35

Moved by: C. Carter

THAT the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee supports the District of Mackenzie's application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC.

CARRIED

5.10 Accessible Parking – Authorized Signage

Resolution: AIAC-36

Moved by: Chair E. Blackburn

THAT the committee receives this report for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: AIAC-37

Moved by: Chair E. Blackburn

THAT the authorized sign depicted in "Schedule B" District of Mackenzie Traffic and Parking Bylaw No. 831, 2009, be amended to replace "Disabled Persons Parking Only" to "Permit Required."

CARRIED

5.11 Rick Hansen Training Webinar

Chair Elizabeth Blackburn and committee member Kimberly Grywinski will attend the Rick Hansen training webinar.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Vacancy

7. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Community Resource Document

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: AIAC-38

Moved by: Chair E. Blackburn

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer