

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

April 24, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

District Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard

Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 936 3501 6031 Passcode: 939381

Committee Present: Chair E. Blackburn, K. Grywinski, A. Coates

Committee Absent: J. Davy

Staff Present: Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative
Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

Visitors Present: Valerie Moss, Assitant Librarian

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00pm.

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 - February 16, 2025

The minutes of February 16, 2025 were adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Blackburn added item 4.7 Walk and Roll Discussion to the agenda.

Resolution: AIAC-55

Moved by: A. Coates

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended

CARRIED

4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

4.1 Imagine Grant – Mobi Mat Installation at Morfee Lake – First Beach

The Committee discussed where best to place the Mobi Mat at Morfee Lake First Beach. Staff provided three options for mat placement. Kimberly Grywinski suggested the Mobi Mat be placed directly on the dock rather than beside the dock for ease of use.

Resolution: AIAC-56

Moved by: K. Grywinski

THAT the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee supports an application to the Northern Health IMAGINE Grant to fund the purchase and installation of a Mobi-Mat at First Beach, enhancing accessibility for all community members;

AND THAT the Committee provide input on the most suitable location for the Mobi-Mat at First Beach and offer feedback on this report to help inform the planning and implementation process.

CARRIED

4.2 Bench Discussion

The Committee discussed the damage caused by snow removal to the cement bases of District benches around Mackenzie. A suggestion was made to both use discretion when deciding on an access point where the benches are placed, and offsetting the placement of the bench on the concrete pad to allow for an easier transition for those using mobility devices.

4.3 Sidewalk by Kelly's Bakery

The Committee brought up numerous concerns regarding the sidewalk area at 320 Mackenzie Boulevard. Specifically near the Mackenzie & District Museum, and Kelly's Bakery. Staff mentioned that it would look into this further.

Sidewalk and Pathway accessibility was also brought up regarding the bike rack placements outside of Purple Bicycle, and the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. Kimberly Grywinski noted that it is difficult to place a bike rack where bike users are able to see their bikes from inside businesses, while also keeping walk ways accessible.

4.4 Trax Mats

The committee discussed the pros and cons of "Trax Mats" and where the District of Mackenzie could utilize them. These are a portable system that could be utilized for events, or to be placed in spots a Mobi Mat would not work, such as the grounds surrounding the bathrooms at Morfee Lake First Beach.

4.5 Recognition for Businesses and Organization Walk & Roll Sites

Member Amy Coates suggested a "Thanks from the Access and Inclusion Committee" social media post. Chair Blackburn suggested stickers for businesses and organizations who have participated in a "Walk and Roll" with the Access and Inclusion Committee.

4.6 Spring Expo 2025

Staff and Committee members discussed there theme and what was needed for the Spring Expo 2025. Chair Blackburn said she would provide documents to be printed out and laminated by Staff and the District would provide swag for the Access and Inclusion Committee booth.

4.7 Walk and Roll April 23 Update

Chairperson Blackburn provided an update on the Access and Inclusion Committee's Walk and Roll held on April 23, 2025 and their discussion with Northern Health Occupational Therapist, and his student.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 25, 2025

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: AIAC-57

Moved by: A. Coates

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 pm.

PRIOR TO ADOPTION

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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