

**Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes**

June 25, 2025, 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, A. Coates, J. Davy

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

Visitors Present: Ashley Thandi, RPP, MCIP, Planner, and Megan Hickey, RPP, MCIP,
Planner, L&M Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 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 - April 24, 2025

The minutes of April 24, 2025 were accepted as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: AIAC - 59

Moved by: A. Coates

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

4.1 OCP Discussion with L&M Engineering

The committee met with Ashley Thandi, RPP, MCIP, and Megan Hickey, RPP, MCIP, from L&M Engineering, for brainstorming and to contribute to the OCP Update Project.

4.2 Grant Update

Emily noted that the grants for the mobi-mats for first beach is still pending.

4.3 Walk and Roll Participation and Acknowledgments

Chair Blackburn expressed interest in having the Walk & Roll advertised on the District website. Staff will work with the committee to do so.

4.4 Gantahaz Lake Website Article

Chair Blackburn suggested that the District consider a collaboration with and look to Board Member Amy Coates' website (www.mackenziebc.com) for examples of descriptive writing regarding accessibility at amenities around Mackenzie.

4.5 Digital Accessibility Video Sharing

This information will be shared with staff working on the new website build.

4.6 Recreation Centre Elevator, Seating and Rails

The committee discussed the accessible seating at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. They noted the placement of hand rails and how some residents could find their placement hard to navigate. The Committee also pointed out the difficulty parents with strollers face when it comes to accessing the lower seating as there is a steep step to reach the lower seating. Staff shared that the team at the Recreation Centre are working on updating the handrails and that staff would share with them the committee's suggestions about the ramp and for adding decals for dedicated lower level seating.

4.7 Technology Zoom Meeting

Deferred for future meeting discussion.

4.8 Museum Walk and Roll TBA

A walk and roll will be held at the Mackenzie and District Museum this summer.

4.9 Public Works Brochure for New and Existing Businesses

The committee has requested a brochure be made to provide more information on what services are available by public works for businesses – ie. building inspection,

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: AIAC-60

Moved by: A. Coates

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:29 PM.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday August 20, 2025

Chair

Corporate Officer