



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 7, 2024**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Liz Doull
Thivjan Tharmaratnam
Oliver Keith

REGRETS: Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Paul Russell
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Glenn Babcock
April Adams

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2024

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Liz Doull

THAT the minutes of August 19, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 10.1 Questions re: Municipal Election

Deletions:

- Item 7.3.1 Introduction to reach Ability Association – Colette Williams

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Oliver Keith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRM's Approach to Homelessness: Planning for Winter and Other Updates

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated October 7, 2024

Max Chauvin, Director, Housing and Homelessness gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding access to medication, human trafficking and the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services' processes.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Questions re: Municipal Election

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the 2024 Municipal Election.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 18, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support