



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT 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 following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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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**

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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