



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 20, 2025**

PRESENT: Céline Vautour, Chair
Rachele Manett, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Jean St-Amand
Glenn Babcock
Liz Doull

REGRETS: April Adams
Thivjan Tharmaratnam
Oliver Keith

STAFF: Melissa Myers, Accessibility Advisor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:17 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 – November 18, 2024

MOVED by Rachele Manett, seconded by Glenn Babcock

THAT the minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NON

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

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 New Staff Liaison Introduction

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant noted the new staff liaison was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Newly appointed members, Councillors Purdy, White and St-Amand provided introductory remarks to the Committee.

9.1.2 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedules

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated January 20, 2025

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant spoke to the two proposed schedules before the Committee for consideration and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve Proposed 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule – Schedule 2 as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Grahams Grove Active Transportation Functional Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated January 20, 2025

Martin Brien, Active Transportation Planner, Ryan MacLean, Engagement Manager, Upland Planning + Design Studio gave a presentation, seeking feedback on the proposed designs.

Brien, MacLean and Garrett Donaher, Senior Transportation Engineer, Englobe responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee noted the following:

- User conflicts on multiuse pathways;
- The importance of traffic diversion on multiuse pathways;
- Safety concerns surrounding multiuse pathways, particularly electric scooters;
- Multiuse pathways cater to a large demographic of users;
- Affordability of multiuse pathways;
- Benefits of raised cycle tracks; and
- Potential benefits in separating multiuse pathways based on user speed.

9.1.4 Halifax Transit: Accessibility Considerations

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated January 20, 2025

Philip Herritt, Director, Transit Operations and Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 24, 2025

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant