

Accessibility Committee Meeting
held via Zoom and in person in Room A – City Hall
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Trisha Kaplan, Chair
Leanne Williams, Vice-Chair
Randy Boras
Grant Pattingale
Heather Miller
Kristi Bauman
Ron Crawford

Council Liaison: Julius Bloomfield

Regrets: Krista Russo

Staff: Blake Laven, General Manager of Development Services
Sarah Desrosiers, Social Development Specialist
Kelsey Johnson, General Manager of Community Services
Janet Glowa, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Accessibility Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Additional items for consideration under New Business were brought forward by Committee members.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the July 8, 2026, agenda as amended to include the following New Business items:

- 4.4 Urban Deer
- 4.5 Special Accessibility Meeting
- 4.6 Closing Statement – Ron Crawford

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of June 26, 2026 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the June 26, 2026, meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Heather Miller joined the meeting in person at 9:35 a.m.

4. New Business

4.1 Outdoor Rink – Activation Planning

The General Manager of Community Services presented on the Outdoor Rink – Activation Planning.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated July 8, 2026 titled "Outdoor Rink-Activation Planning".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee recommends the following items be considered by Council for implementation at the Outdoor Rink:

- A. Heating
- B. Decorative Lighting
- C. Benches/Seating
- D. Rubber Mat Surfaces
- E. Shade Structure
- F. Additional Site Lighting
- G. Specialized Accessible Skating Equipment
- H. Supervised Program Times

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 National AccessAbility Week Funding – 2027 to 2029

The Social Development Specialist presented on the National AccessAbility Week Funding – 2027 to 2029 program.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee provide feedback on and endorse the proposed three-year National AccessAbility Week Funding program concept, and support the submission of a grant application to Employment and Social Development Canada for funding of up to \$180,000 through the Accessible Canada – National AccessAbility Week Funding Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Legacy Acknowledgement

The Chair led the Committee in a discussion regarding a legacy acknowledgement for former committee member, James Ludvigson.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee recommend that the City of Penticton acknowledge James Ludvigson's contributions to accessibility in a meaningful way.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Urban Deer

In response to a concern regarding a recent interaction with an urban deer, the committee discussed urban deer management and received an update on the City of Penticton's Urban Deer Advisory Committee, including the status of the draft Urban Deer Management Strategy currently being finalized.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee recommend that the draft Urban Deer Management Strategy is referred to the Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

The committee discussed holding a special meeting in August to review identified Accessibility Committee agenda items, with follow-up to confirm member availability and quorum.

4.6 Closing Statement – Ron Crawford

Observations were shared regarding the use of mobi mats at various locations throughout the city, including opportunities to enhance accessibility and user experience.

5. **Next Meeting**

July 8, 2026 is the last scheduled regular meeting.

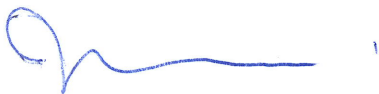
6. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adjourn the meeting held on July 8, 2026 at 10:52 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Janet Glowa
Legislative Assistant

