

Accessibility Task Force Meeting

to be held via Zoom and in-person in Room A
City Hall, 171 Main Street
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
at 11:00 a.m.

- Present:** Trisha Kaplan, Chair (in-person)
Kona Sankey, Vice Chair (in-person)
Kristi Bauman (in-person)
Heather Miller (in-person)
Grant Pattingale (in-person)
Leanne Williams
- Council Liaison:** Ryan Graham, Councillor
- Staff:** Blake Laven, Director of Development Services (in-person)
Jamie Lloyd-Smith, Social Development Specialist (in-person)
Sarah Desrosiers, Social Development Coordinator
JoAnne Kleb, Communications and Engagement Manager
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant (in-person)
- Regrets:** Randy Boras
James Ludvigson
- Delegations:** Vittoria Spindor, Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Jonathan Chu, City Engineer

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the Accessibility Task Force to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Task Force adopt the agenda of July 26, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Accessibility Task Force Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Task Force adopt the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Vittoria Spindor, Coordinator, Community Engagement at Canadian National Institute for the Blind provided the Task Force with a presentation on the history of CNIB and information about vision loss generally and specific programs hosted by CNIB.

4.2 Lake-to-Lake Brief and Section 1 Design

The City Engineer provided the Task Force with an update on the floating bus stops that the City has developed for Section 1 design of the Lake-to-Lake bike route. The Task Force provided feedback on the design.

4.3 Draft Accessibility Plan

The Director of Development Services provided the Task Force with an update on the draft Accessibility Plan. There was an overview and brief discussion for each section.

4.4 Discussion on Feedback Mechanism, Engagement and Evaluation

The Communications and Engagement Manager and Social Development Specialist provided the Task Force with different possibilities for feedback mechanisms in relation to the Accessibility Plan and the community as a whole.

The Task Force discussed the several ideas for engagement including a trade show campaigns in the community, and having different organizations representing those with disabilities at the same table.

The Task Force discussed several ideas on evaluation of the Accessibility Plan once it is created. The ideas discussed were having a report every three years but establishing a way for staff to identify accessibility projects on an ongoing basis, having a "snapshot" annual update on where each item is at (started, in progress, complete) and the possibility for having a section on the Council report template on how it contributes to accessibility (similar to the Climate Impact section).

Leanne Williams left the meeting at 12:37

4.5 Ongoing Committee Structure and Grant Opportunity

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Task Force support the application for the BC Healthy Communities Grant for accessibility and age friendly community audit work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Next Meeting**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Task Force add a meeting on August 4, 2023 at 11:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next Accessibility Task Force meeting is scheduled to be held on August 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

6. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Task Force adjourn the meeting held on July 26, 2023 at 1:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Hayley Anderson
Legislative Assistant