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## **ATTENDING**

Elaine Furniss, Chair; Councillor Derrick Jamieson; Councillor Chris Goddard; Kenisha Gordon (via Zoom); CAO Jen Boyd; ALC Jordan Hebb; Recording Secretary Krista Longmire

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Rita Shay; Dan Stovel, REMO

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Mike Harris

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the agenda be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 13, 2023 be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4. PRESENTATION** – Dan Stovel, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator did a presentation on the Kings County Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR).

The purpose of the VPR is to increase the safety of residents living within their own homes who would be at greater risk during an emergency or disaster and to offer a beneficial public service that will continue our community's commitment to increasing the safety of residents.

The Registry is 100% voluntary and free. Mr. Stovel emphasized that even though residents may be on the registry, they would still need to call 9-1-1 in an emergency as well as have 72-hour emergency plan in place. Registration is online as well as mail-in, brochures on the registry are available at the Town Hall.

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## 5. ON GOING BUSINESS

- **Membership** – Councillor Goddard introduced Rita Shay. Rita has expressed interest in the committee and has completed a membership application. The application will be forwarded to Town Council for approval.

Jordan indicated that the committee should have 2-3 additional members. Advertising for new members will be done via the Town's social media platforms. Jordan will see if the community members that completed the survey could be contacted to see if they would be interested.

According to the terms of reference for the committee, it is a 2-year term with the option of extension. 50% of the membership should be from the disability sector.

- **Accessibility Week (May 28-June 3)**

Discussion of various events, activities and information that could be done during accessibility week. A few suggestions were:

- Social media posts to highlight accessibility and maybe having community members speak about their experiences utilizing some of the accessible options around Town in the posts.
- A representative from the Rick Hansen Foundation to speak at the Elementary School
- An information panel in the Town Hall lobby showcasing the areas around Town that is/has been made more accessible.
- Proclamation and Flag Raising to kick off Accessibility Week

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### **ACTION ITEMS**

CAO Boyd reported that the Town was successful in receiving a small project grant that will be used to upgrade the front desk and entry to make the space more accessible.

The design for Centennial Park continues.

The Mill Street Box Car project will have ramps and accessible parking.

There will be an open house at the Town Hall for the Town's centennial celebrations on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested to have some information available on the various accessible facilities throughout the Town.

Councillor Jamieson expressed his appreciation for the committee members as this week is National Volunteer Week.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

If a meeting for accessibility week planning is needed prior to the regular meeting, Jordan will notify committee. **Next regular meeting – Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 7:40pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**