

## **ATTENDING**

Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak, Chair

Elaine Furniss, Co-Chair

Mike Trinacty, Mayor

Councillor Chris Goddard

Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development

Crystal McCormack

Reta Shay

ALC Jordan Hebb

Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator

Recording Secretary Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator

## **Absent with regrets:**

Kenisha Gordon (via Teams)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

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

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

**motion carried**

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

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF Feb 10 BE APPROVED AS **CIRCULATED**/AMENDED.

**motion carried**

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A) Welcoming Week**

- Opportunity to align a town-planned event with Welcoming Week (Sept 12–21).
- Committee supports hosting a multicultural/diversity-focused event.

##### **B) Citizen Letter – Accessibility in New Buildings**

- Reviewed Christine Nielsen’s letter about mobility device storage.
- Suggestion to forward to the Planning Advisory Committee.
- Discussion on creating an accessibility wish list and early consultation in planning processes.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A) Accessibility & Equity Plan**

- Presented to Council in February; approved March 11.
- Now available online and submitted to the province (deadline: April 1).
- Committee discussed implementation roles, equity integration, and future discussions in May.

##### **B) KMCC Lobby Seating Letter**

- Reviewed and edited a letter to the KMCC Governance Committee.
- Advocating for seating improvements; examples shared from Windsor arena.

##### **C) Cycle NS HUBS Project**

- Led by Ethan from Cycle NS; delayed due to funding.
- Engagement sessions planned for May (Accessibility Committee & business community).
- Focus: active transportation (walking, cycling), accessibility, and business needs.

##### **D) Accessibility Report Card – 2025/2026**

- Led by Jordan and Taylor.
- Sets annual goals; graded A–F based on completion.
- Considerations: carry-over goals, public input, equity integration.
- Draft to be reviewed at May meeting.

##### **E) Monthly Diversity Memo – Commemorative Dates**

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- **Ramadan** (ended Mar 29): Highlighted for awareness.
  - **March 31 – National Indigenous Languages Day**
  - Diversity Committee updates:
    - Gender-based violence presentation (Wendy Norton); potential for future meeting.
    - Reviewed 2022 list of diversity dates; discussed resuming flag-raising events.
    - Agreed to circulate list and identify participation opportunities.

**6.** The next regular meeting will be held May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6 pm

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED \_\_\_\_ 7:16 pm.

**Motion carried**

Approved by Committee on Month Day, 2025

As recorded by Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator