

**Accessibility Committee Meeting
October 13, 2021
Town Council Chambers & Zoom**

Present

Chair, Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor M. Farrell
G. Kell
G. Mattie

S. Scannell, Community Development
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

K. Stewart

Absent with Regret

Mayor L. Boucher

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

The Chair welcomed K. Stewart to the meeting and will re-apply for membership on the committee.

Approval of Agenda

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as circulated.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Accessibility Minutes of the meetings held on June 15, and August 18, 2021.” Motion carried.

Accessibility Review

S. Scannell began dialogue on the Accessibility Planning Engagement Study, noting this was a summary and was discussed at the August meeting.

He noted that since then the Consultant has provided details on the draft report and that he has concerns with some of the content in the draft plan and expanded on details.

He noted the definition of ‘accessibility’ has been expanded upon and contains issues not directly related to accessibility and does not fit within the scope of ‘accessibility’ and provided further comment.

Discussion took place.

S. Scannell noted that comparable plans including Wolfville and East Hants were reviewed and do not contain similar objectives and appear to be inconsistent with what the Town has received.

It was generally agreed that S. Scannell would speak with the Consultants to limit items down to the objectives that were initially set out, to satisfy provincial requirements.

It was noted that an Open House was scheduled to be held at the People's Place Library on Tuesday, November 2nd from 3-7 PM. Discussion took place on delaying the Open House until such time as the Consultants can further refine their initial report. It was generally agreed to delay the Open House until approximately end-November.

S. Scannell offered to distribute the draft report to the Committee

S. Scannell noted he would discuss a new date for the Open House with the consultants.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 10th, with a time to be determined.

At 12:37 PM the meeting was adjourned.