

**Accessibility Committee Meeting
June 1, 2022
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor D. MacInnis
Mayor L. Boucher
G. Kell
K. Stewart

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

Absent with Regret

Councillor M. Farrell
G. Mattie

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM and noted there was only one item on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Accessibility Minutes of the meetings of March 1, 23 and 30th, 2022.” Motion carried.

The Chair advised that S. Scannell would soon be leaving the employ of the Town, with S. Scannell expanding on his new position.

Draft Accessibility Plan – Next Steps

S. Scannell noted that after reviews by staff, stakeholders and the Committee, it is now time for the Accessibility Plan to receive input from the Community.

The Consultants, Upland, has recommended an open house style session with the consultants and staff available to make suggestions and provide comment, with the details going back to the Committee for consideration.

S. Scannell noted that the biggest obstacle at this point is the issue and timing of the consideration of consolidation. He questioned whether the timing to move forward now is practical or whether it would be best to wait until such time as a decision has been made regarding consolidation. It was noted that the summer months may not be the best time to hold an open house and further noted that moving the timeline out would assist with allowing a new staff person to become familiar with the document and timelines to date.

S. Scannell provided comment on direction from the province regarding an Accessibility Plan, noting that the Town should be fine so long as long we are working toward the Plan.

Discussion took place on current discussions surrounding consolidation, and the timing of accessibility consultation at this time.

Following brief discussion there was consensus to delay taking the Draft Accessibility Plan consultation to the public until this September.

S. Scannell agreed to contact the consultants regarding the consultation timeline.

Mayor L. Boucher noted the importance of reaching out to those that would be most impacted by the Plan to ensure they are aware of the consultation process.

Brief discussion took place on the ways in which information could be made available to the public to ensure the events are accessible.

Mayor L. Boucher brought forth the idea of having at least some of the information from the plan available in 'plain language'.

The Chair thanked the Committee for their input into having the Accessibility Plan come together.

Brief discussion took place on the make-up of the Committee.

The Chair advised that the next meeting would not likely take place until September.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.