



**MINUTES - ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 08, 2025, 4:02 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE**

**The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation.**

**Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** S. Jennings (Chair), S. Hough (Vice Chair), L. Bartram, C. Paisley, P. Singh, C. Marks, N. Moss

**STAFF:** A. Galiev - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, S. Mackenzie – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, J. Hicks – Manager of Transportation, M. Moore – Lived Experience Consultant, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, S. Maichen – Legislative Coordinator, A. Moffatt – Legislative Coordinator

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**B. Land Acknowledgement**

Committee Member N. Moss acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Xwsepsum First Nation communities, and thanked them for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**D.1 Minutes from the meeting held March 11, 2025**

Moved and Seconded:

That minutes from the meeting held March 11, 2025 be approved.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **F.1 Parking Discussion – John Hicks, Transportation**

Committee received a presentation from the Transportation Manager regarding the accessible parking portion of the draft Official Community Plan, including implications and timelines.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- 1. Process for assigning parking spaces to tenants often at the discretion of the strata*
- 2. What ‘stratas’ encompass from a parking perspective*
- 3. Needing to streamline the process between public and private entities for accessible parking*
- 4. Awareness and education efforts on accessible parking in public and private realms*
- 5. Upcoming provincial accessibility standards, Accessible BC Act, CSA B-651 and BC Building Code and their impact on approaches to accessible parking*
- 6. Car-lite and car-free developments working with Transportation Demand Management (TDM) to ensure that accessibility needs are met*
- 7. Concerns with what constitutes ‘Flex Spaces’*
- 8. Having the Flex Space as an additional amenity as opposed to removing accessible parking in car-free buildings*
- 9. Flex Spaces being looked at for developments, meaning a short-term, un-assigned parking space built to an accessible standard*
- 10. The Missing Middle Housing Initiative’s adaptable, visitable and accessible form deliberations*
- 11. Timeline for Transportation to report to Council regarding the parking report*
- 12. Commitment to engage with the AAC after receiving Council’s direction to initiate the parking*

#### **F.2 Rick Hansen Foundation Conference overview – Linda Bartram and Michael Moore**

AAC Committee member L. Bartram and EDI Office Lived Experience Consultant M. Moore led a conversation on attending the Rick Hansen Foundation Conference in Vancouver.

*Committee discussed the following:*

- 1. Recognition of City of Victoria’s efforts around meaningfully bringing the AAC voices into decision-making, involving lived experience consultants and being innovative in improving accessibility*
- 2. Emphasizing the importance of efforts on disaggregated data on accessibility including Equity Community Mapping and Complete Communities*

3. *Highlighting the ongoing partnerships with AccessNow, CNIB, Rick Hansen Foundation and participating in the lunch roundtable with partners*

### **F.3 National Accessibility Awareness Week – partnership with CNIB**

Staff member, S. Mackenzie, provided a briefing on the Committee’s two projects for National Accessibility Awareness Week at the CNIB conference, as well as the launching of GoodMaps and BlindSquare.

*Committee discussed the following:*

1. *CNIB’s expansion of services including a new service “Call for Action”*
2. *CNIB’s interest in involving the AAC and lived experience consultants*
3. *Launching officially BlindSquare and GoodMaps apps*

### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Committee, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.*