



MINUTES – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 8, 2025, 4:08 P.M.

XWSEPSUM NATION ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom and in-person

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

ABSENT: L. Bartram

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

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 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 June 10, 2025.

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the meeting held June 10, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Welcome and Remarks from the Chair

Remarks provided as part of Community Roundtable.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Bike Share Presentation – John Hicks, Manager of Transportation and Molly McGrail, Transportation Outreach Coordinator

Committee discussed the following:

1. *Request to contribute to the list of community organizations to be consulted on the Bike Share Program*
2. *Access to Bike Share for individuals without access to credit card or smart phone*
3. *Need to consider accessible bike options (ex: tricycles, scooters, etc..), and future implementation*
 - a. *Examples of Lime Mobility and Veemo providing accessible ride share options*
4. *Positioning of parking areas and impact on sidewalks*
5. *Cost-related challenges around e-bikes, especially for unhoused individuals*
6. *Usage of bike lanes for other vehicles such as electric wheelchairs*

F.2 Chair and Vice Chair updates - Suzan Jennings and Sandra Hough

Committee discussed the following:

1. *Appreciation for Linda Bartram's contributions to the Committee*
2. *Committee participation in the Victoria Pride Parade*

F.3 Accessible Recreation Pilot - Michael Moore

Committee discussed the following:

1. *Game of Beepball being brought to Victoria in partnership with Crystal Pool and CNIB, a version of baseball accessible to the visually impaired*
2. *Set to take place at the renovated Crystal Pool facility*

F.4 Community Roundtable

Committee discussed the following:

1. *50th anniversary of the Action Committee of People with Disabilities, and related celebrations*
2. *Challenges related to policy changes on HandyDart*
3. *Benefits of the implementation of GoodMaps in cooperation with the Victoria Airport*
4. *Potential partnership opportunities with Prosper Canada to develop financial solutions around access*

G. Next Meeting Agenda & Date

Next meeting to be held September 9, 2025.

H. **Adjournment**

Committee, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.