



AGENDA – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 10, 2025, 4:16 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

PRESENT: S. Jennings (Chair), L. Bartram, N. Moss, C. Paisley

ABSENT: S. Hough (Vice Chair), C. Marks, P. Singh

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
S. Young - Climate & Environmental Sustainability Specialist

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 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 May 13, 2025.

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the meeting held May 13, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. WELCOME AND REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair discussed attendance at the CNIB National AccessAbility Week speaking panel and celebrated Michael Moore's contribution as the host.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Cord Cover Pilot update - Steve Young, Climate & Environmental Sustainability Specialist

Committee discussed the following:

- 1. No feedback or concerns received through the accessibility feedback mechanism*
- 2. Opportunity and necessity for the Committee to visit a cord site in person*
- 3. Potential for a survey of the affected neighbourhoods and accessibility outreach organizations (ex: CNIB) for feedback regarding accessibility*
- 4. Need for a range of individuals with varying disabilities to test and provide feedback regarding the cords*
- 5. Risk to the program associated with public engagement*
- 6. Staff member, S. Young, will share cord placement locations information with the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and field testing options will be explored with Lived Experience Consultant, AAC and others*

F.2 Chair and Vice Chair updates - Suzan Jennings

Committee discussed the following:

- 1. The work of the Garth Homer Society around cognitive disabilities and their potential future work with the Committee*
- 2. The incorporation of artwork from the Garth Homer Society's arts program at City Hall and other municipal sites*

F.3 AAC & CNIB National AccessAbility Week event recap - Michael Moore and Suzan Jennings

Committee discussed the following:

- 1. Attendance of the Director of Public Works and Engineering, W. Doyle, and his reception to feedback around waste disposal outside of the CNIB building, leading to the introduction of new disposal facilities*

F.4 Community roundtable

Committee discussed the following:

- 1. Involvement of Committee members with the Victoria Pride Parade*
- 2. Potential for future supports on the accessibility project with the Local Champions program*
- 3. Upcoming projects for accessible fitness and sports, in partnership with Crystal Pool*
- 4. Providing inputs into Greater Victoria Public Library website which was recently updated and improved for accessibility*

5. *Staff changes within the Action Committee of People with Disabilities (ACPD)*
6. *Launch of GoodMaps and BlindSquare accessibility tools in partnership with the City and Trans-Canada Trail*
7. *Desire to connect the Committee and the current City Council, and ways to facilitate a relationship going forward*
8. *Need for greater range of disabilities represented on the Committee, including those with invisible disabilities and with diversity of lived experience*
9. *Upcoming changes in regard to Committee recruitment and membership changes to fulfill the requirements of the Accessible BC Act*
10. *Appreciation for the impact of the collaborative efforts to improve accessibility which includes Committee, City and its Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and community partners*
11. *Committee expressed gratitude for Linda Bartram's contributions during her time as a member and discussed her involvement with the Committee going forward*

G. ADJOURNMENT

Committee, by unanimous consent, adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.