

Municipality of the County of Inverness

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 2021

2:00 pm

In-person/ Video Conference

Committee: Warden Laurie Cranton
Deputy Warden Bonny MacIsaac
Aaron MacDonald
Damien Cheveau
Tom Livingston

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Charlotte MacDonald, Recreation Manager
Maggie MacDonald, Accessibility Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deputy Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were given from all members and Keith MacDonald introduced the Accessibility Advisory Committee and spoke about the important role.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Warden Laurie Cranton

SECONDED BY: Tom Livingston

MOTION CARRIED

3. ORIENTATION

Municipal staff, Maggie MacDonald, presented the committee with an orientation and overview of the Accessibility Act. The Accessibility Act was passed in 2017 by the Provincial government to create a fully accessible Province by 2030. Municipal Accessibility Advisories committees across the province are mandated with the task to develop Accessibility plans in one year and present to Council.

4. NOMINATION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

MOTION: *That committee member Tom Livingston accept the position as committee Chair and Aaron MacDonald as Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory committee.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

SECONDED BY:

MOTION CARRIED

5. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Accessibility Coordinator, Maggie MacDonald, reviewed the importance of developing a statement of commitment to include in the Municipal Accessibility plan. The statement commitment will include your Municipality's goals and vision in providing an accessible County. When considering the statement of commitment things to consider would be; how we plan to provide equal access, safe and accessible spaces, how we will treat individuals with dignity and independence, and our goals to prevent, remove, and identify existing barriers.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee reviewed a draft Terms of Reference (TOR) provided by Accessibility Coordinator, Maggie MacDonald.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee agreed to meet on the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th, 2021, at 2:00 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That the Committee adjourn at 2:55 pm*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

MOTION CARRIED