

Accessibility Committee
Meeting Notes December 15, 2022

Attendance: Chair Councillor Meghan Bragg, Vice – Chair Joe Kippex, CAO Scot Weeres,

Regrets: Superintendent Sam Graham

Approve Agenda: Approved

Review Previous Meeting Notes:

Outstanding: Wireless Doorbell installed and functioning.

Close Captioning on You Tube – determined and executed on an approach .

Elevator Upgrades – awaiting quote.

Recruitment Poster – Under development.

New Business:

Committee discussed two pronged (Interior – Exterior) Accessibility Action Plan for next several years and identified the need for funding and identified potential opportunities to seek funding to support the Town’s drive to address accessibility issues/challenges. Examples of funding sources included:

Service Clubs, federal and provincial govt accessibility programs, Farmer’s Mutual, John and Judy Bragg Foundation, etc

Interior Town Office

Make front service counter accessible;

Install auto door on elevator and make elevator self-service for all;

Evac-Chair for Town Office in case of fire or power failure

Public washrooms renovated to be gender neutral and accessible;

Add one gender neutral and accessible public shower to a main floor washroom area.

Exterior Police Station

Auto Door and new ramp at Police Station.

Audio-visual camera/intercom at Police Station

Exterior Acadia Park

Install accessible hydration station near washroom building;

Purchase 2 pieces of accessible playground equipment

Mobility aid for emergency use – Evac Chair (Joe provided website links) to be built into Town 2023 budget proposal.

Accessibility Plan edits – group exercise planned to occur January 12 via Teams or Zoom between 7:00 and 8:00pm. Scot to organize. Aim to have Accessibility Plan reviewed at January CoW and approved at January Council Meeting.

Committee discussed sensory sensitive section being identified for next year's Parade of Lights (area where volume of music and noise is reduced and flashing Lights are turned off so people with sensory challenges can participate without facing triggering risks.

Scot to attempt to build a draft Presentation to Council for Vice Chair to use when Briefing Council in January by Dec 20

Next Meeting: 12, 2022, 1900 hrs at Council Chambers

Adjournment

Notes prepared by Scot Weeres.