

MUNICIPALITY OF CUMBERLAND
Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Present: Maggie Pitts, Vicki Weaver, Melanie Prendergast,
Lisa Betts, Alicia McInnes

Attended but Left Due to Technical Issues: Catherine Aquino Russell

Regrets: Brenda Moore, David Buell, Jacqueline Young, Leisa Babineau,
Bonnie Langille, Helen Sims

1. Approval of Agenda:

Approved as circulated.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from June 25, 2020:

Approved as circulated.

3. Roundtable - Members' accessibility work and desired outcomes roundtable.

Vicki Weaver shared that the accessible beach mat and the water wheelchair are back out at Heather Beach. She also mentioned that the new park in Springhill (Mechanic Park) is accessible. She would like to see a Policy be adopted for accessibility standards.

Lisa Betts mentioned that a ramp from the car parking to the Pugwash playground that was put in this past winter is being used. The Pugwash park is partly on a hill and does not have accessible play equipment. They would like to see an accessible swing (such as wheelchair swing) be installed but they are quite costly and there is a high liability issue. There is a possibility of getting a 2-seater swing, they are getting quotes.

The Roundtable will be added back on the next agenda for when there are more people in attendance.

4. Consultation

a. Municipal Website

Amanda Macleod will be setting up a webpage with our Accessibility information (Meeting notes, Terms of Reference, survey, how to join meetings, etc.) on our Municipal website this week. Lisa Betts will mirror what we have on her Village of Pugwash site or will provide the link to ours. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a section requesting accessibility success stories in the County and area and

that we should ask the public to share these stories to help us learn what we can do better.

b. Drop off surveys to YMCA, doctor offices and other locations

Maggie will change the survey format and will have them ready to be delivered by the next meeting. Alicia McInnes offered to bring the survey copies to the YMCA as she is there every day and to send the survey to Cumberland Smile and Shine. Having drop-off boxes for these surveys at each location was discussed.

c. Ask specific organizations that work with people to circulate surveys

Committee members will ask their contacts to do so.

d. Surveys through mail

We will determine how the surveys at the different locations goes first before sending them through the mail.

e. Survey respondent follow-up?

The Committee agreed to Maggie following up with the survey respondents who showed interest in being contacted. There might be some individuals who would want to be part of the Committee.

5. Identification & Audit of Municipal Services and Facilities:

The spreadsheet of the different Municipal Services and Facilities was reviewed which includes survey comments that will help indicate what will require auditing.

The Province provided a draft guideline to auditing indoor and outdoor spaces. Maggie will send it to the members as well as put in on our website.

6. Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the revised Terms of Reference. Suggested wording changes were made. The Terms of Reference will be brought back to next meeting when more members will be in attendance.

7. Membership:

Two members are no longer with the Committee; Peter Cottingham and Joanne Hopper (Joanne is still willing to help when possible).

Members will reach out to organizations; Lisa will contact Sunset, Vicki will contact GOVRC Workshop in Springhill, Alicia has someone in mind who might be very interested in joining and Maggie asked Joanne if she knows of anyone else at the Bridge workshop. There might be some interested individuals as a result of the survey as well.

8. Next Meeting: Maggie will send out a Doodle with different dates to choose from.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.