

MUNICIPALITY OF CUMBERLAND
Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Present: Maggie Pitts, Vicki Weaver, Melanie Prendergast,
Brenda Moore, David Buell, Catherine Aquino Russell, Helen Sims

Regrets: Jacqueline Young, Leisa Babineau,
Bonnie Langille, Lisa Betts, Alicia McInnes

1. Approval of Agenda:

Approved as circulated.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from July 29, 2020:

Approved as circulated.

3. Terms of Reference (Final Approval/Edits)

Suggestions were made to change what determines a quorum. Maggie will make the updates and will send a Doodle Poll to the entire Committee with suggested changes in order to finalize the Terms of Reference as there have not been enough members in attendance in the last few meetings to do so.

4. Identification and Audit of Municipal Services & Facilities

It was agreed that some members will do small test runs of the audit guidelines put out by the province using the PDF document they provide. Vicki will use the audit tool to evaluate the new playground, Brenda will do an audit of the side staff door at the Upper Nappan Service Centre and Catherine will do an audit to determine if Municipal spaces are hearing accessible. The Service Centres and Community Centre were suggested locations for this. (Having front counter staff wear clear masks was discussed to enable speech reading for those with hearing loss).

Helen also offered to do one at a transit spot for Cumberland County Transportation Services, but for now the audits are focused on municipal owned properties and services.

5. Consultation

a) Webpage: The Webpage on the Municipality of Cumberland website has been created.

Please refer to this link to see all the information provided:

<https://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/accessible-cumberland.html>

b) Survey: Maggie has made the hard copies and will be distributing them shortly.

c) Open House: Maggie will look into hosting a Virtual Open House.

6. Roundtable

- Vicki would like to start a hockey sledge program in Springhill and Parrsboro.
- Members are encouraged to share their accessibility work and desired outcomes.

7. Membership:

The Committee is still seeking new members. Maggie reached out to some survey respondents to ask if they were interested and Vicki emailed GOVRC in Springhill and is awaiting a response. Other members who were not in attendance were also going to contact individuals (refer to July 29 meeting notes).

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.