



MIDDLETON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Town Hall
Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
2:00 pm

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes from January 9, 2024
4. Old Business
 - Lisa spoke with Julie Glasser our AMANS Manager of Accessibility, Equity and Racism on April 2nd and the audit tool that Julie created and has used on multiple universities and other buildings has been approved and will be rolled out over the next couple of weeks. Julie will set up Zoom meetings for the municipal leads to learn the tool and make it available to municipalities.
- 4.1 Accessibility Directorate Updates –
 - Directorate is launching the First Voice Experts Roster you can submit your application from the website <https://accessible.novascotia.ca/what-you-can-do-improve-accessibility>
 - The Directorate is hiring two new Accessibility Program Specialists, the jobs are posted on the Government of Nova Scotia website.
 - The deadline for the Communications Standard Development Committee closed April 8th and the Public Transportation Committee closed February 11th
 - There are two virtual workshops coming up on the foundational concepts of the Accessibility Act. They are on April 23, and April 30th if you want the link for these please send Lisa an email.
 - In March the government released its response to Dr. Katie Aubrecht's review of the Accessibility Act. The Government accepted 47 of the 48 recommendations. There

were 6 areas where action will be taken and in all areas some work has been started and the rest will be completed over three years

<https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2024/03/15/government-responds-accessibility-act-review>

- The website accessible.novascotia.ca has a resource tab that has a lot of very good information and resources that can be used. Everything from a printable bookmark and booklets to social media advertising.

5. New Business –

- National Accessibility Awareness Week
- Flag Raising and Proclamation in Centennial Park 9AM May 27th
- Red Shirt Day May 29th Please wear red – do we want to do a photo campaign again?
- Accessibility Day June 2nd in Bridgetown -Update John
- Rotary Club discussions have continued regarding the playground at Rotary Park – Andy, Karl and Lisa met to discuss the first steps. Contacted someone for a playground inspection to move forward.

6. Workplan Update and Committee Membership

- Workplan was updated to include Accessibility Week and Audits
- Please update the contact sheet and make sure your information is correct.
- Accessibility Committee Policy Update John and Andy

7. Budget Update

- The benches from 2023 were ordered and have arrived (photo attached)
- This year's budget update Andy or Ashley – Now is the time to discuss this year's plan

8. Anything by Members

9. Date of the next Meeting

- Do we want to continue with quarterly or move to every two months? June 11th 2PM?

10. Adjournment