

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday May 31, 2021
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present:

Committee Members:

Kim McDonald	Voting Member
John Vrolijk	Voting Member
Brenda Frederick	Voting Member
Bonnie Maguffee	Voting Member

Councillor Linton Delainey	Non-voting Member
Councillor Katie Berghofer	Non-voting Member

Administration:

Lona Leiren	Non-voting Member
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Guests:

Nancy Simmonds, C.E.O. Heartland Housing Foundation
Adrienne Richard, Communications Manager, Heartland Housing Foundation

Tara Preston, Social Policy and innovation Advisor, Strathcona County
Family and Community Services

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

The Chair called for additions/deletions/changes to the agenda.

MOVED by: Brenda Frederick

THAT the May 31, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted as amended

Carried Unanimously

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED by: Kim McDonald

THAT the April 26, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved

Carried Unanimously

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

MANDATE ITEMS: ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS AND COVID-19 IMPACTS Heartland Housing Foundation

Guests: Nancy Simmonds and Adrienne Richards

Heartland Housing Foundation guests provided an overview of Heartland Housing Foundation, its evolution, funding sources affordable housing options it manages. They shared data on current housing insecurity pressures and the current development of a community-led affordable housing strategy.

Members underscored that affordable accessible housing was not just a seniors' issue (e.g., younger residents with disabilities with low incomes such as AISH recipients).

MANDATE ITEM: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING (CSWB)

Guests: Tara Preston, Strathcona County Family and Community Services

Tara provided an overview of the concept of CSWB, including the complexity of underlying root causes that can contribute to a lack of well-being or safety. She also summarized the governance of the CSWB initiative and asked members how they would like to participate.

Tara is to return in October for a more fulsome engagement on CSWB.

REPORTS

Council Report: Councillor Berghofer

RPC is hosting two upcoming engagements to obtain stakeholder input on the proposed Field House on June 14 and 16. (Lona to send out registration information.)

Council will be discussing the Cambrian Crossing development again in June; given past AAC discussions on the importance of addressing accessibility in development planning, this may be of interest as a potential 2022 AAC mandate item.

Strathcona County has seen a high vaccination uptake, with 70% of residents obtaining a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

5. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next AAC meeting is June 28, 2021 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Chair



Staff Liaison