

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 28, 2021
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: **Committee Members:**
John Vrolijk Voting Member
Brenda Frederick Voting Member
Bonnie Maguffee Voting Member
Carley Dobko Voting Member
Leah Lyseng Voting Member
Sarah Valois Voting Member

Mayor Rod Frank Non-voting Member
Councillor Linton Delainey Non-voting Member

Guests:

Katie Soles, Consultant, Soles & Company
Alyssa Stoddard, Consulting Team Member
Jarrett Zilinski, Consulting Team Member
Tim Brown, Consulting Team Member
Debbie Gilbert, Advisor, Strathcona County Public Engagement (seconded from Transportation, Planning and Engineering)
Kevin Cole, Director, Transportation and Engineering

Shefali Khoja, Senior Policy Advisor – Diversity and Inclusion, Strathcona County

Administration:

Lona Leiren Non-voting Member

Absent: Kim McDonald Voting Member
 Councillor Katie Berghofer Non-voting Member

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 June 28, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted as amended

Carried Unanimously

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED by: Brenda Frederick

THAT the May 31, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved
Carried Unanimously

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

MANDATE ITEM: ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS STRATHCONA COUNTY INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Katie Soles led AAC Members through a series of questions on their views on the future of transportation in Strathcona County, including Member values and priorities. Members stressed the importance of a transportation system that eliminates barriers to access (e.g., transport within and outside the community for education, employment and services), the priority of a responsive Mobility Bus service and future planning that incorporates emerging transportation options of importance to persons with disabilities (e.g., self-driving vehicles).

MANDATE ITEM: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Shefali Khoja provided an update on the Diversity and Inclusion Policy implementation plan. A preliminary strategy development phase has been completed with a focus on fostering a culture of inclusion. Phase II focuses on alignments within Strathcona County and is underway now. Phase III focuses on external engagement; while scheduled to begin in late fall, opportunities are being addressed as they emerge. Shefali is scheduled to return in November for a more fulsome discussion on external engagement.

AAC SUMMARY REFLECTIONS

Members observed that the Integrated Transportation Plan was on the right track in seeking diverse input - transportation is critical to independence and access to services. This is equally important for rural and urban residents. Regarding the Diversity and Inclusion update, members observed that attitudinal change is important to embed this in the community culture – this leads to behavioral change.

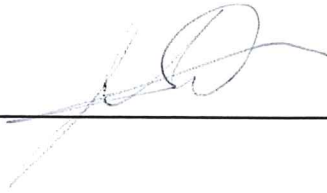
REPORTS

No reports were offered.

5. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

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

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


_____ **Chair**


_____ **Staff Liaison**