

Accessibility Committee Meeting

held via Zoom and in-person in Room A
City Hall, 171 Main Street
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
at 9:30 am

Present: Trisha Kaplan, Chair
Leanne Williams, Vice-Chair
Randy Boras (via Zoom)
James Ludvigson
Grant Pattingale
Heather Miller
Krista Russo

Council Liaison: Julius Bloomfield

Regrets: Kristi Bauman

Staff: Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Sarah Desrosiers, Social Development Coordinator
Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
Draydan Power, Manager of Energy & Environment
David Kassian, Sustainability Supervisor
Jonathan Chu, City Engineer
Chandra Moncrieff, Engineering Design Supervisor
Anna Melnick, Manager of Communications and Engagement
Andrea Rendall, Communications and Engagement Specialist
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the Accessibility Committee to order at 9:33 am.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the agenda of January 8, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Accessibility Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Minutes of the October 28, 2024 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the October 28, 2024 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Roundtable Check-in

The Chair led the Committee in a round table check-in to discuss accessibility thoughts or challenges not specifically on the agenda.

4.2 EV Charging Update

The Manager of Energy and Environment and Sustainability Supervisor provided the Committee with an update on the City owned electric vehicles charging stations. The Committee reviewed the EV charging stations for accessibility and inclusion barriers.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated January 8th, 2025 titled "EV Charging Update".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Eckhardt Avenue Corridor Reconstruction

The City Engineer and Design Supervisor provided the Committee with an update of the Eckhardt Avenue Corridor Reconstruction. The Committee reviewed the reconstruction design, noting challenges with all season accessibility.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT after reviewing for accessibility and inclusion barriers, the Accessibility Committee recommend that staff consider making accessibility revisions'

AND THAT staff report on the feasibility at the January 21, 2025 Special Accessibility Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Update on Dog Park Upgrades and Dog “Leash-Optional” Pilot Project & Recommendations

The General Manager of Infrastructure and Communications and Engagement Manager provided the Committee with an update on the City owned dog parks. The presentation included engagement findings, an overview of the pilot project and what the program will look like moving forward.

IT was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee receive into the record the report dated January 8, 2025 titled “Update on Dog Park Upgrades and Dog “Leash-Optional” Pilot Project and Recommendations”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee recommend to Council that the City continue with “leash-optional” areas at the following locations:

- Riverside Park – 187 Riverside Drive
- Skaha Lake Park – Main – 3661 Parkview Street
- Skaha Lake Park – East – 3895 Lakeside Road
- Water Treatment Plant Entrance – 1900 Penticton Ave

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Next Meeting**

The next special Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 9:30am via Zoom and in-person at the Penticton Community Centre.

The next regular Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025 at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person.

6. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Committee adjourn the meeting held on January 8, 2025 at 11:03 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Hayley Anderson
Legislative Assistant