

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams
770 Vernon Avenue

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:06 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mena Westhaver, Manjit Bains, Rae Franklin (via Teams), Laurie-Anne Keith (via Teams), Susan Mader and Caroline Quan

Regrets: Heidi Bada, Stephan Herman, Tony Kiyak, Swapna Mazumber and Reed Poynter

Staff: Cristina Caravaca (via Teams), Senior Manager, Community Services; Carroll Porter, Senior Manager, Human Resources; Dale Samsonoff, Senior Manager, People and Programs, Human Resources; Loryn Anderson (via Teams), Community Programmer II - Disability Inclusion Services, Recreation and Community Services; Tami Gill, Planner, Planning (via Teams), 5:29 p.m.; Mais Hajaj, Consultant for Accessibility, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Human Resources and Angela Hawkshaw, Committee Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by L. Keith and Seconded by M. Bains: "That the Minutes of the Accessibility and, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held October 2, 2024, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIRS REMARKS

- Committee members were invited to put forth motions for consideration.

DISABILITY INCLUSION ASSISTANCE IN RECREATION

The Community Programmer II gave a presentation on Disability Inclusion Assistance In Recreation (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- A resource request has been made to expand sensory swim hours beyond school times, with additional requests for one-on-one sensory swims and skating lessons.
- Training for toileting support is not provided to staff at this time. This could be a future consideration.
- Privately hired inclusion workers are welcome at all recreation centres.
- Research is ongoing on how recreation centers can offer varying levels of support.

****The Senior Manager of Community Services and the Community Programmer II exited the meeting at 5:39 p.m.****

QUADRA MCKENZIE PROJECT

The Planner gave a presentation on the Quadra McKenzie Project (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- Community engagement opportunities were easily accessible and welcoming.
- Concerns were raised regarding floating bus stops for individuals who are visually impaired.
- The Saanich webpage will be continually update with current information and the public is encouraged to complete the survey.
- The objective is to initiate the corridor study over the next 10 years, with changes occurring incrementally. Accessibility needs, such as additional lighting on pathways and streets, improved park access, and wider sidewalks, will also be addressed in stages.

The Planner and L. Keith exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from M. Bains the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Councillor Mena Westhaver, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Angela Hawkshaw, Committee Clerk

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