

**TOWN OF KENTVILLE**

**KENTVILLE INCLUSION AND ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2022

**Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville Nova Scotia**

# PRESENT

**Committee members:**

* Gerald MacPherson
* Councillor Cathy Maxwell
* Yuning Pan
* Laurel Taylor
* Bernie Zinck (online)
* Deputy Mayor Cate Savage (online)
* Mike Cameron

**Staff:**

* Jennifer West
* Rachel Bedingfield

**REGRETS**: Spencer Laing

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Meeting is called to order at 9:30 a.m.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**The agenda for the Committee meeting of July 8, 2022 is approved by consensus.**

# APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**The minutes for the Committee meeting of June 11, 2022 are approved by consensus.**

1. **TOWN HALL UPDATE**
   * + Internal operations committee meeting on accessibility audits for town hall, engagement with equity deserving groups we should be intentional with what data we already have and with what action we will take from their feedback (meetings with Mary Sweatman), evaluation or the TOK accessibility plan with support from the Accessibility Directorate, update on the street naming and renaming policy.
     + Grayson Titcomb has been hired through Sport Nova Scotia as the Equity Diversity Inclusion and Accessibility Coordinator for a three year term.
     + ACTION: Invite Council to receive inclusive language training language as well as staff.
     + ACTION: Continue to share resources with committee around inclusive language
2. **PRESENTATION – KINGS TRANSIT**
   * + Introduction of committee members
     + Need better technology and improved culture change (stop announcements, tracking, connect to Google to have transit as an option with directions, give workshops to groups to engage with new riders)
     + Communication is increasing, ridership is increasing during this gas price crisis
     + Review of transportation piece of the accessibility plan
     + There is an intermunicipal service agreement for the municipalities to commit to this work
     + Discussion about servicing Acadia and NSCC
     + Discussion about the ownership of stops and shelters.
     + Council could deem public transit as an essential service to keep service from being cancelled
     + Looking for lots of grants for improving service and technology
     + Federal government is requiring transit companies to investigate micro transit including Uber.
3. **DISCUSSION**
   * + Deputy Mayor Cate Savage brings a concern from a resident about residents being able to access the Foodland store in north Kentville
     + Possibility of creating a shuttle once a week for folks downtown to access Foodland for groceries.
4. **NEXT MEETING (DATES AND AGENDA)**
   * + Reminder about chair position election in the fall
     + Recommend meeting every two months
     + ACTION: Rachel plans to bring her homework (Recreation Policy, Engagement, Building Audit, Evaluation, bus driver licencing for all members) to this committee in September

Upcoming meetings:

* + - Kirsten Duncan to come talk about Universal Design
    - Addendum to Accessibility Plan, peer-reviewed matrix

# ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next meeting September 9, 9:30am