



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

November 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

Present: David Willows (Chair), Katherine Beck (Panorama Recreation Centre), Charlene Froom, Vanessa Pettinger, Tracey Poole, Jennifer Van Es (SHOAL Centre), Lee York, Councillor Dibattista (District of North Saanich), Councillor Newton (District of Central Saanich), Councillor O'Keefe (Town of Sidney)

Absent: David Ryder

Staff Present: Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Officer/Corporate Officer (District of Central Saanich); Jenn Clary, Director of Engineering (Town of Sidney); Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning & Community Services (District of North Saanich); Nareka Jacques, Corporate and Executive Services Assistant (District of Central Saanich)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people which includes WJOLELP (Tsartlip) and SXÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 Agenda of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting  
*MOVED*

*That the agenda of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting  
*MOVED*

*That the minutes of the September 26, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended by correcting the spelling of a member's name.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. COUNCIL UPDATES (including tracking sheet)**

7.1 Tracking Sheet

*For information.*

**8. OTHER ITEMS**

8.1 Diverse Abilities - IDEAL Staff Training Program

Vanessa Pettinger did an introduction on Diverse Abilities and the programs they offer with Gina Martin to both students and businesses that help to approach people with diverse abilities.

The Committee discussed approaching the Chamber of Commerce and the Sidney Business Improvement Area to give a presentation on what programs are available.

8.2 On-Street Accessible Parking Standard

The Town of Sidney's Director of Engineering provided a presentation on the report and answered questions from the Committee.

Victor Ngo & Kristen Machina from WATT Consulting Group provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the following:

- including more side ramp parking spaces
- having various locations throughout the Town of Sidney that offer accessible parking (ie. in small lots, at businesses)
- supporting a 1.5-2 meter access aisle rather than a 2.5 meter access aisle
- ensuring that hatch spaces are visibly painted in a different colour so they are not parked over
- including signs on both ends of the on-street accessible parking space

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

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Chair

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Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer