



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 6th, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 9, 2020
From: Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Alto
Subject: Recognizing the Extraordinary Contribution of Accessibility Working Group Volunteer Members

BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Working Group (AWG) was founded in 2015 to provide policy recommendations, expertise, and experiential knowledge of accessibility issues with the aim of making the City of Victoria more accessible for all. The AWG was envisioned to:

1. Identify barriers for persons with disabilities created by current City of Victoria infrastructure;
2. Make recommendations as to how to remove these barriers;
3. Establish criteria by which barrier removal can be prioritized and the allocating of funding can be determined; and
4. Work with the City of Victoria to draft policies and procedures to prevent the creation of barriers in the future.

The original terms of reference for the AWG anticipated that the AWG would meet regularly for 6-12 months. The work of the AWG has ended up being intensive and has lasted more than 5 years with the majority of members serving the entirety of that span of time. AWG members have shown incredible patience and perseverance through this process and have given the City invaluable expertise and lived experience which has greatly contributed to the City of Victoria and will benefit residents and now and in the future.

It is therefore recommended that Council recognize the extraordinary contribution of AWG volunteers and request that the Mayor write letters to AWG members thanking them for their efforts to help the City of Victoria identify and eliminate barriers and make Victoria accessible for all.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council, by way of this motion, recognize the extraordinary contribution of AWG volunteers and request that the Mayor write letters to AWG members thanking them for their efforts to help the City of Victoria identify and eliminate barriers and make Victoria accessible for all.

Respectfully submitted,

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