

Accessibility Framework and Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Presentation to the Committee of the Whole

September 23, 2021



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Introductions and Purpose

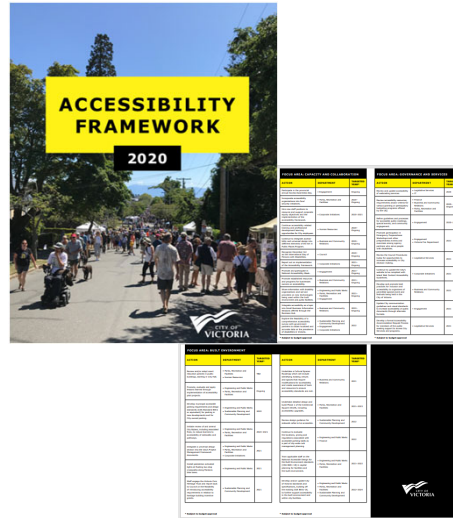
To provide the first annual update on the Accessibility Framework Short-Term Action Plan and activities of the new Accessibility Advisory Committee.



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Framework, Policy & Action Plan

- Framework adopted October 2020
- Short Term Action Plan has 34 actions under three themes:
 - Capacity and Collaboration
 - Governance and Services
 - Built Environment
- Accessibility and Inclusion Policy



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Samples of Action Plan Underway – Att. A

- Applied universal design in the Arts in Public Place program for the Harbour Road Neighbourhood Hub Project
- Accessible access at Topaz Park around bike and skate parks, accessible access to spectator area, new Turf Field and accessible washroom including adult change table
- Developed Accessible Guidelines and Visual Standards
- Staff training on accessibility



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Accessibility Advisory Committee Mandate

Council appointed a new Advisory Committee:

1. Communicate City activities on accessibility
2. Comment on provincial accessibility legislation
3. Share information on best practices and innovations
4. Respond to requests for input on new projects from City staff
5. Be a resource to the City on the Action Plan implementation
6. Work with staff on development of a Mid-to-Long Term Action Plan
7. Review proposed tool for balancing competing rights and interests
8. Update current guidelines for writing an Accessibility Impact Statement in Council reports

Given the scope of work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Terms of Reference were amended to meet monthly rather than quarterly



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Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

- Suzanne Jennings (Chair)
- Sandra Hough (Vice-Chair)
- Aidan Love
- Chris Marks
- Christine Paisley
- Linda Bartram
- Megan Dewar
- Nathan Moss
- Priyanka Singh



Photo of AAC Chair Suzanne Jennings



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Samples of Advisory Committee Input

- Parking
- Streets and Traffic Bylaw
- Government Street Renewal
- Beacon Hill
- Topaz Park
- Accessible Meetings and Events Toolkit
- Enhance Accessibility Impacts Statements for Council Reports
- Development of an Accessibility Guide
- Equity Informing Decision-Making Tool

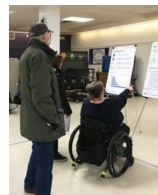
A new Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion has been created to support the coordination of Accessibility related initiatives



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Recommendation

That Council receive this report for information.



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