



## Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Place: Council Chambers  
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
Presiding Officer: Josephine MacDonald  
Members present: Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald, Tracy Briggs, Kirsten Hiltz, and Danielle Laurie.  
Regrets: Mandy Blake, and Meagan Marchant.

*A quorum was present throughout the meeting.*

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney - CAO, and Stan McDougall (recording secretary)

### **1. Call to Order**

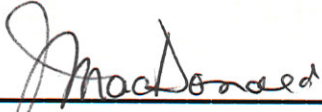
Chair Josephine MacDonald called the meeting to order at 5:58PM.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Danielle Laurie that the agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for May 24, 2023, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### **3. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2023**

Approved by   
Josephine MacDonald, Chair, on May 24, 2023

### **4. Committee Work for review**

**4.1 Goods and Services re: recreation, review attached document.**

The Goods and Services re: recreation document was reviewed by the committee and some changes and additions were added to the draft.

**4.2 Review various sections of plan, review attached draft plan.**

The draft Accessibility plan was reviewed briefly by the committee noting the progress and completeness achieved in the short time it has been worked on.

### **5. Other items of discussion**

**5.1 [National AccessAbility Week - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/geninfo/2022/05/national-accessability-week-2022.html)  
attached proclamation**

The National AccessAbility Week website was reviewed with a brief overview of the Proclamation from the Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee who planned various awareness activities and recognition of various efforts to embrace accessibility by going above and beyond during the National AccessAbility Week in Northumberland County May 28 to June 3, 2023.

## **5.2 Local stores more accessible, Verbal discussion – Kiersten Hiltz**

Kiersten Hiltz reviewed her experience with Lower Main Market which is now under new ownership. Specifically, the front entrance and the concrete pad in front of the main entrance which is stepped up as opposed to being sloped up to the door. The front door was also reviewed and is not automated or opening-assisted. The committee discussed that there may need to be help for small businesses to point them in direction of grants, etc., to help business owners make their front entrances more accessible.

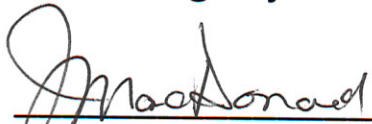
## **5.3 [Rick Hansen Foundation Spring 2023 Newsletter](#) – for informational purposes**

**6. Date, time, and place of next meeting**

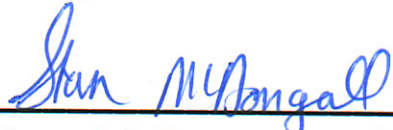
The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday June 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

**7. Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM



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**Josephine MacDonald, Chair**



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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**



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**Date Approved**