

## Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: March 21, 2025  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: CSRD Boardroom  
555 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm

Members Present	J. Casey^	Committee Member
	J. Paul^	Committee Member
	A. Khan	Chair
	C. Sebelius^	Committee Member
	R. Harris^	Committee Member
	M. Reynard^	Vice Chair

Staff Present	J. Sham	General Manager, Corporate Services (Corporate Officer)
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^electronic participation

### 1. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are meeting in service to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District which is on the traditional and unceded territories of the Secwepemc, Syilx Okanagan, Sinixt and Ktunaxa Nation. We are privileged and grateful to be able to live, work and play in this beautiful area.

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act  
Article 37:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements concluded with States or their successors and to have States honour and respect such treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements.
2. Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as diminishing or eliminating the rights of indigenous peoples contained in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements.

### 2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved By** M. Reynard

**Seconded By** J. Casey

THAT: the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved By** M. Reynard

**Seconded By** C. Sebelius

THAT: the amended minutes attached to the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

Typographical correction needed to the minutes.

**CARRIED**

**5. Discussion**

**5.1 Suggested Headings in an Accessibility Plan**

1. Introduction

2. Framework Guiding Our Work (Accessible BC Act, other legislation, etc.)

3. Our Committee

4. Consultation (what was done, who was consulted, how we did it, key themes)

5. Feedback Mechanism

6. Barriers Identified (what we found, what we heard, what did we do/action)

7. Three-year Plan (priority of goals)

8. Monitoring and Evaluation (annual reporting?, review and evaluation schedule)

9. Conclusion

10. How to give feedback

## 11. Appendices (if any)

### Discussion:

R. Harris summarized that the Committee focus is an overall view of region (macro). He listed physical, hearing, sight, marginalized persons, mental challenges and noted how they are completely different. Shared that physical disabilities vary - ambulatory or full support needed – and it's a complex issue. Suggested the Committee consider getting advice from others from accessibility groups.

M. Reynard proposed a new heading after 3: "Our approach" (Core values).

**Moved:** M. Reynard

**Seconded:** J. Casey

THAT: "Our approach" (Core Values) be added to the suggested headings in the accessibility plan after "our committee".

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Examples of Accessibility Plans

Attached are Accessibility Plans for: The Province of BC, Northeastern BC Accessibility Collaborative (Peace River RD, et al), Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (Draft), and Strathcona Regional District.

### Discussion:

The Committee liked the different approaches and found the examples helpful. Members expressed the need to narrow the scope of work whilst keeping a regional approach in mind.

Staff asked about the desired style of the plan with considerations about photos and consent/permission to publish, etc.

The Committee agreed that a text and graphics approach done in-house would be sufficient. There was a discussion on methods of engaging the public.

## 5.3 Examples of Accessibility Surveys

Attached are: Regional District of North Okanagan's blank survey and Thompson Okanagan Regional District's survey results

Item deferred to the next meeting due to time.

**6. Next Meeting**

Friday, April 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

**7. Adjournment**

**Moved By** R. Harris

**Seconded By** J. Paul

THAT: the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

10:02 AM

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Corporate Officer

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Chair