



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Accessibility Advisory Committee

**May 3, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.**

City Hall Main Boardroom/Teleconference

### **MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Main Boardroom and via teleconference. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: M. Delaruelle (3:34 p.m.),  
K. Johnston,  
L. Koe,  
R. Oldford,  
S. Petersen,  
C. Van Dyke, and  
D. Weir (3:31 p.m.).

The following committee member joined the meeting via teleconference:

D. McKee, Chair.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Collin,  
J. Elliot,  
K. Thistle,  
C. Saunders,  
C. White, and  
C. Achtymichuk.

#### **Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:29 p.m.

#### **Opening Statement**

2. D. McKee read the Opening Statement.



**Approval of Agenda**

3. Committee approved the Agenda as amended, to include a Discussion Regarding the Snow Angel Campaign and a Discussion Regarding Disabilities in Evacuation.
4. S. Petersen moved,  
L. Koe seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Minutes**

5. *November 23, 2023.*
6. L. Koe moved,  
S. Petersen seconded,

**That the Minutes be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

7. There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

**Presentation Regarding Accessibility Projects to Date/Plans Moving Forward**

8. Committee heard a presentation from J. Elliot, Facilities Manager regarding accessibility projects that have been completed and plans for upcoming projects.

***Action Item: Administration will explore opportunities to promote accessibility improvements to City facilities/parks.***

**Discussion Regarding Transportation**

9. Committee discussed accessible transportation within the City including taxis and the Yellowknife Accessible Transit (YATS) bus. Committee noted that it is difficult to secure an accessible taxi.

***Action Item: Administration will explore interim solutions for access to accessible transportation and recommend that review of the Livery Licence be completed in 2024.***

***Action Item: Administration will draft a letter from City Council to the Legislative Assembly regarding Accessibility Legislation.***

**Discussion Regarding the Snow Angel Campaign**

10. Committee discussed the Snow Angel Campaign and noted that there are safety concerns regarding implementing the campaign again.

***Action Item: Administration will explore alternative ways to promote Snow Angels.***

**Discussion Regarding Disabilities in Evacuation**

11. Committee discussed the experiences of people with disabilities during the 2023 Wildfire Evacuation and Re-entry.



**Next Scheduled Meeting**

12. The next meeting date is to be determined.

**Adjournment**

13. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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