



Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness



Mandate

To promote social and political equity within existing and proposed City plans, policies, bylaws and infrastructure and make recommendations to ensure that they are inclusive and accommodating to citizens of all ages, abilities and walks of life

- ✓ Identify barriers and best practices
- ✓ Make recommendations for improvements
- ✓ Review City plans, policies and procedures
- ✓ Assist in developing a strategy for increased engagement & public awareness



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Public Consultation

- Staff conducted a survey seeking feedback on the draft Terms of Reference from Nov. 1 - 17
- 135 survey responses were received
 - 82% very much in support of the Committee being created
 - 79% very much in support of the Committee’s mandate & objectives
 - 61% very much felt the Committee’s name reflected its mandate

Do you support the creation of an Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness?

Response	Percentage
Very Much	82%
Undecided	7%
Somewhat	7%
Not Really	2%
Not at all	2%

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Public Consultation

- 50% were very much in support of the membership as listed on the draft Terms of Reference (Attachment A), with 31% only somewhat in agreeance
- 17 written responses indicated they felt Indigenous representation of some form should be included on the membership list
 - Numerous written responses were received with various suggestions/input (see Attachment C)
 - This theme was most predominant with 32% of those who responded to that section expressing a desire to see Indigenous representation (17 of 53 responses)

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Membership

- Staff are presenting two Terms of References for Council’s consideration and discussion
- Both include the agencies/groups listed below
(From draft ToR presented to Council on October 7, 2019)

✓ Child Development Centre	✓ Nanaimo Association for Community Living	✓ Nanaimo Youth Services Association
✓ Island Health	✓ Nanaimo Pride Society	✓ School District 68
✓ Multicultural Society	✓ Nanaimo Seniors Task Force	✓ United Way of Central Vancouver Island

- Proposed membership intended to ensure a broad and balanced group of individuals dedicated to supporting those most affected by issues related to accessibility and inclusiveness

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Membership

Attachment A
(ToR Version 1)

- ❖ Two members of Council
- ❖ Nine members appointed from various agencies/groups
- ❖ Two members at large chosen based on experience & involvement related to issues of accessibility and/or inclusiveness

Attachment B
(ToR Version 2)

- One member of Council
- Nine members appointed from various agencies/groups
- One member at large representing the Indigenous community
- Two members at large chosen based on experience & involvement related to issues of accessibility and/or inclusiveness

Summary

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness would be dedicated to upholding Council's vision laid out in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan:

To be a community that is livable, environmentally sustainable and full of opportunity for all generations and walks of life

Recommendation:

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council establish an Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness and provide direction on which draft Terms of Reference they would like to adopt for this Committee.

