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**SUBJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVENESS –
2020 WORKPLAN**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To provide an overview and seek Council's endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness' 2020 Workplan as presented.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness' 2020 Workplan as presented.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the City of Nanaimo's Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness (ACAI) is 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.

The 2020 Workplan is intended to establish how the ACAI will meet its mandate and offer input and advice on accessibility and inclusiveness to Council. At their special meeting held 2020-MAY-20, the ACAI reviewed and provided feedback on the Draft 2020 Workplan. The following motion was made:

"It was moved and seconded that the Accessibility and Inclusiveness Committee endorse the Draft 2020 Workplan, with the addition of the topic active transportation, as outlined in the May 20, 2020 report by the Manager of Recreation Services, as the Committees mandate; and that the Draft 2020 Workplan be forwarded to Council for approval."

Staff has amended the 2020 Workplan as recommended by the ACAI and are seeking Council's endorsement.

DISCUSSION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVENESS PROPOSED 2020 WORKPLAN FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT		
Topic	Lead Department / Section	Overview
Reimagine Nanaimo		Participate in engagement process for Reimagine Nanaimo specifically with accessibility audits of facilities, infrastructure and parks.
Undertake review of LEAP program	Parks, Recreation & Culture	Conduct a thorough review of the LEAP program to identify opportunities for change or improvement.
Guiding principles summary		Create a guiding principles summary, to help guide decision making, specifically related to accessibility & inclusion for use in various areas of City operations.
Projects as referred by Council	Legislative Services	Review & provide input into existing and future projects and plans as directed.
Active Transportation	Traffic/Transportation	Receive information from Staff.

In addition to these items, additional topics that fall under the ACAI's mandate may arise that require attention or may be referred by Council for consideration.

OPTIONS

1. That Council endorse the Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness' 2020 Workplan as presented.
 - Advantages: A workplan provides a list of focus areas and a way for Council to measure Committee activity and progress in meeting its mandate.
 - Disadvantages: Having a set workplan may limit the flexibility of the Committee to respond to questions and issues that are presented to them throughout the year.
 - Financial Implications: No immediate financial implications. Any completed actions identified on the workplan would be presented with more detailed financial implications to Council.

2. That Council provide alternate direction.
 - Advantages: Council may prefer the Committee focus more on issues tied to its core mandate and remain flexible to issues that Council may present to them for response, throughout the year.
 - Disadvantages: Not having a workplan gives Council no information on the Committee's focus areas and no opportunity to provide upfront Committee approval for the direction of their work.
 - Financial Implication: No immediate financial implications. Any action identified on the workplan that is completed would still need to be presented with more detailed financial implications to Council.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The proposed 2020 Workplan is intended to establish how the ACAI will meet its mandate and offer input and advice on accessibility and inclusiveness to Council.
- At their meeting held 2020-MAY-20, the ACAI reviewed and provided feedback on the draft 2020 Workplan.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the ACAI's 2020 Workplan as presented in this report.

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