

DATE OF MEETING 2023-OCT-11

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**SUBJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS
DRAFT WORKPLAN**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide an overview and opportunity for feedback on the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness' draft workplan, prior to making a recommendation to Council.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and 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 proposed draft workplan is intended to establish how the Committee will meet its mandate and offer input and advice on accessibility and inclusiveness to Council during the 2023-2026 term.

DISCUSSION

The process for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness (ACAI) workplan is:

- Information Report to present the draft workplan to ACAI for members' consideration, discussion and input.
- Staff will take input provided by ACAI to prepare a final workplan which will be brought forward as a Report for Decision at the next meeting.
- Following that, the ACAI workplan will be forwarded to Council for their review and consideration.
- Each year, the workplan will be brought back to ACAI for review and can be updated and amended as recommended by the Committee.

PROPOSED ACAI WORKPLAN:	
Topic	Overview
Accessibility in City Parks, Facilities & City Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Hansen Foundation priorities for allocation of funds for the audited facilities. • Determine priority for accessibility audits for other City facilities • Advise City staff on specific projects as needed
City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input on internal style guide for gender inclusive language in municipal communications • Statement on Accessibility, Equity and Inclusion • Input on other Integrated Action Plan items as needed
Community Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a resource for corporate and community projects • Receive presentations to advance awareness & share knowledge
Items referred by Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & provide input into issues and projects as directed by Council

Items brought forward by ACAI committee members for discussion (for example, reviews or projects in the following areas):

- Technology (ie. assistive hearing devices)
- Housing
- Accessibility as it relates to neurodiversity and other populations with diverse abilities
- Universal design standards for new developments
- Other

In addition to this draft workplan, additional topics that fall under the Committee's mandate may arise that require Council's attention or may be referred by Council for the Committee to consider.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The draft 2023-2026 workplan is intended to illustrate how the Committee will meet its mandate and offer input and advice to Council.
- The Committee recognizes that in addition to this proposed workplan, additional topics that fall under the Committee's mandate may come up that require Council's attention or may be referred by Council for the Committee to consider

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