



Inclusion Advisory Committee Report

October 7, 2020

11:30 a.m.

Virtual

Present:

Taylor Stocks, Chair - LGBTQ2S
Mayor Danny Breen
Councillor Deanne Stapleton, Council Representative
Debbie Ryan, CNIB
Duane Morgan, CNIB
Donna Power, Metrobus/GoBus, Accessible Transit
Margaret Tibbo, Public Representative
Megan McGie, NL Association for the Deaf
Sarah White, Autism Society
Grant Genova, NL Association of Architects, Universal Design
Kimberly Yetman-Dawson, Empower NL
Brittany Hiscock, CHHA NL
Trevor Freeborn, Coalition of Persons with Disabilities
Renata Lang, Association for New Canadians
Natalie Godden, Manager of Family & Leisure Services
Sherry Mercer, Inclusion Coordinator
Trisha Rose, Fieldworker III, Inclusion Services
Shanna Fitzgerald, Legislative Assistant

Regrets:

Heidi Dixon, First Light NL
Kim Pratt Baker, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association
Joby Fleming, Empower NL
Tess Hartmann, Autism Society
Nancy Reid, Coalition of Persons with Disabilities
Hope Colbourne, NL Association for Community Living

Others:

Tina Bankovic, Empower NL (Work Term Student Observer)

Pedestrian Mall Presentation & Discussion

Council requested feedback from the Inclusion Advisory Committee regarding the Downtown Pedestrian Mall. Members compiled a feedback document to be shared with staff and Council. This feedback was provided to the Manager of Organizational Performance and Strategy for inclusion in the report to Council and has been appended to the agenda.

Moved By Kimberly Yetman-Dawson

Seconded By Margaret Tibbo

That Council review the recommendations put forward by the Inclusion Committee for the Downtown Pedestrian Mall and share with all relevant parties. Recommendations include considering implications for those with vision loss such as wayfinding, indication of an upcoming ramp and obstacles on sidewalks; ensuring ramps meet code, are slip-resistant and lead to a deck that can be maneuvered by a wheelchair; access to accessible washrooms for Pedestrian Mall users; accessible parking located inside the mall was hazardous; and a need for inclusion education amongst business and security staff in the area.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON, TAYLOR STOCKS