

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, held on July 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm, 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT: Committee Members: P. Danforth (Chair), T. Bolt (Vice Chair), J. Briante (EP), J. Coughlin, M. Essery (EP), G. Goodwin, M. Little (GC Liaison), J. Parr, G. Robinson, E. Syring (EP)

Staff: C. Neilson, Senior Manager, Human Resources & Corporate Safety; A. Ali, Manager, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility, Human Resources & Corporate Safety; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: P. Pokorny, R. Welland

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Danforth provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by M. Essery, SECONDED by J. Parr, That the agenda for the July 16, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by J. Parr, SECONDED by M. Little, That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 21, 2024 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

4. Chairs Remarks

Chair Danforth spoke about the feedback to BC Housing email circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.

Vice-Chair Bolt joined the meeting in person at 1:11 pm.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. Committee Approval of CRD Accessibility Plan (Draft)

A. Ali and C. Neilson spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- understanding disabilities, self-identification and ableism language
- CRHC jurisdiction, accessibility plan and advocacy
- priority section and funding dependant projects

E. Syring joined the meeting electronically at 1:25 pm.

G. Goodwin left the meeting at 2:08 pm.

J. Briante left the meeting at 2:56 pm.

MOVED J. Parr, SECONDED by J. Coughlin, That the amendments to the CRD Accessibility Plan as discussed be approved. CARRIED

A. Ali to send plan to the committee for final review and comment, with comments to be received by July 31, 2024.

6.2. Overview of CRD Internal Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee

A. Ali presented Item 6.2. for information.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by J. Coughlin, SECONDED by J. Parr, That the July 16, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:58 pm. CARRIED

Chair

Committee Clerk