



100 MILE HOUSE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 2025, AT 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Donna Barnett
Lori Fry
Kristin Wells

Brian Brown
Ben Vinje
Mike Dewing

ABSENT: Elliesia Parkins
Michael McMurray

Kim Irvine

District Staff: T. Boulanger

Media: (0)

Other: (2)

	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair D. Barnett called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM
	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
Approval of the Agenda	Moved By: K. Wells Seconded By: M. Dewing That the February 20 th , 2025, Accessibility Committee meeting agenda be approved.
	<u>MINUTES</u>
Minutes – January 16th, 2025	Moved By: B. Vinje Seconded By: K. Wells That the minutes from the January 16 th , 2025, meeting be approved as received.

	<u>DELEGATIONS</u>
Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)	M.Norgren & M.Jensen from the CMHA graciously provided the committee with a glimpse into the variety of programing and challenges they face. Some of the key highlights include: ➤ Established in 1918 it is the oldest national charity organization. ➤ Run by board of directors, volunteers, and staff (14). Staff can vary from one year to the next due to charitable funding. ➤ The word “Canadian” in the title can be perceived as a federal organization with associated funding. ➤ Annual budget of 1.4 million that runs a variety of programs including subsidized housing, mental health and wellness programs and support, life skills, homeless outreach, safe house program, women’s support, brain injury support, community navigator, soup-de-tour, and more! ➤ Funding is supported by BC Housing, Interior Health, Red Cross, BC Gaming and other organizations and people that choose to donate. ➤ The world is changing and the importance of mental health is starting to receive the attention it deserves. ➤ The CMHA is a great resource for people to reach out to, if they cannot provide services they will most likely know who to refer to so people can receive the help they need. • The committee was extremely grateful to have the CMHA join the accessibility committee meeting, enough cannot be said about the benefits the organization brings to the community. • Core funding should be provided to organizations such as these. • Mental health can accompany disabilities of all types. • How can the committee help spread the word about the CMHA? • Larger companies are starting to offer more support and raising awareness on the importance of mental health. • Key organizations like the CMHA, Interior Health, etc. should all be working together to achieve common goals.

	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
Signage	Ongoing - D. Barnett will work with T. Conway, Director of Community Services to re-locate some low-hanging signs.
SD#27	No response to date received.
SPARC BC	Committee will consider projects for the SPARC BC grant and will discuss at the next meeting. Possible projects included playground equipment, accessible picnic shelter improvements, crosswalk improvements, etc. Tour additional District facilities in the spring to identify possible areas.
Promotional Material	Committee will reflect on the purpose of the promotional material and discuss at the next meeting. Could try to promote accessibility awareness through other means, i.e., radio.
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Moved By: B.Brown Seconded By: L. Fry That the Committee meeting is adjourned at 1:05 PM.
	Next meeting – March 20 th , 2025 @ 12:00