



100 MILE HOUSE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 15th, 2025, AT 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Donna Barnett
Lori Fry
Kim Irvine

Brian Brown
Ben Vinje
Michael McMurray

ABSENT: Elliesia Parkins
Mike Dewing

Kristin Buxton

District Staff: T. Boulanger

Media: (0)

Other: (1)

	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair D. Barnett called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM
	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
Approval of the Agenda	Moved By: L. Fry Seconded By: Ben. Vinje That the May 15 th , 2025, Accessibility Committee meeting agenda be approved with the addition of Mr. Bramsleven as a delegation. CARRIED
	<u>MINUTES</u>

Minutes – April 17th, 2025	Moved By: B. Vinje Seconded By: K. Irvine That the minutes from the April 17th, 2025, meeting be approved as received. CARRIED
	<u>DELEGATIONS</u>
Mr. W. Bramsleven	Accessibility Committee provided Mr. Bramsleven with a roundtable introduction of the committee members. Mr. Bramsleven presented to the committee a short PowerPoint highlighting <i>Accessibility Matters – to everyone</i>. Some key highlights included: • Mr. Bramsleven is a Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Professional who can be engaged by commercial and public space operators to survey accessibility. • Accessibility is a broad scope – bringing awareness and sharing knowledge creates community benefits. • Exposing statistics related to accessibility challenges can help develop awareness. • Challenges can not only be experienced by those with disabilities but can also include caregivers. • Help promote National Accessibility Week May 25th – 31st, 2025 – Annual Event • Rick Hansen Foundation has many resources that are free and helpful to learn about accessibility. Virtual events, accessibility week flag to share, information on universal design, tip sheets, statistics, etc. • Be Proactive – Not Reactive The accessibility committee was extremely grateful to Mr. Bramsleven for attending and providing a wealth of information. Mr. Bramsleven will circulate the PowerPoint presentation to the committee members.

	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
SD#27	No response to date received. Follow up letter sent in hopes to generate interest in new school year.
Community Benches	Staff compiling information on transit benches and funding.
SPARC BC	Application was approved & committee was successful in acquiring the \$25,000. grant to create an accessible play area. Moved By: B. Vinje Seconded By: B. Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accessible play area project proceed and the equipment be installed at the community hall. CARRIED The committee would like to see a small sign noting the relevance of the play area and the importance of accessibility. Details will be forwarded to the District of 100 Mile House Council for final approval. Previous items discussed includes certificates of appreciation and advocating through the Chamber of Commerce.
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
Come On IN	M. Dewing passed along some information to D. Barnett about the <i>Come On In</i> program promoted by the Williams Lake Accessibility Committee. This program provides businesses with stickers that can be placed on the entrance to the business with a number should someone need assistance accessing the business. Committee liked the idea and will discuss this and other incentives to help promote accessibility to local businesses. The District can incorporate information into the business licence renewals that are sent out in December of each year.

Upcoming Events	Some upcoming events were noted: • Fraud seminar being held at the Creekside Seniors Centre on May 24th • Next Meeting June 19th • Seniors Resource fair being held at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre on June 26th • Family Fun day in the park July 5th.
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Moved By: B.Vinje Seconded By: B. Brown CARRIED That the Committee meeting is adjourned at 12:55 PM.
	Next meeting – June 19 th , 2025 @ 12:00