

**100 MILE HOUSE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, October 16th, 2025, AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT: Lori Fry
Mike Dewing
Mathew Perera

Donna Barnett
Ben Vinje

ABSENT: Elliesia Parkins
Brian Brown
Kim Irvine

Kristin Buxton
Michael McMurray

District Staff: T. Boulanger

Media: (0)

Other: (0)

	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair D. Barnett called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.
	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
Approval of the Agenda	Moved By: M. Dewing Seconded By: L. Fry That the October 16 th , 2025, Accessibility Committee meeting agenda be approved. CARRIED
	<u>MINUTES</u>

Minutes – September 18th, 2025	Moved By: M. Dewing Seconded By: B. Brown That the minutes from the September 18th, 2025, meeting held in Centennial Park be approved as received. CARRIED The Committee acknowledged the extensive list created with a brief tour and identified the following items for the District to consider as reasonable improvements to be explored: • Explore the feasibility of creating a delineated pathway for pedestrians accessing the park. Currently pedestrians have to walk along the main roadway into the park with no barrier from traffic. • The addition of more handicap spaces in the parking lot. • Explore creating a designated shuttle stop so people know how to catch a ride and where to go during major events where the District golf cart is in use. • Garbage cans in community are strictly foot operated and can be challenging with persons with mobility challenges or the inability to use the foot lever. Explore how the District can improve or add a handle. • Repair loose bolt and graffiti in accessible picnic table area.
	<u>DELEGATIONS</u>
	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
Intersection Safety	Intersection of Dogwood Ave. and First Street was noted to have low hanging signage. Staff and Chair Barnett will visit the site.
SD	School District – No Reply to Date. The Committee requested to send an additional follow up letter to both the elementary school and the high school.
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

New Member	Chair Barnett welcomed Mathew Perera as the newest member to the committee. Mathew has applied to join the accessibility committee.
Birch & First Intersection	Committee members discussed the safety upgrades to the intersection at Birch Avenue and First Street. • It will take some time for residents to become familiar with the lane changes. • Challenging to navigate in larger vehicles • Provides additional protection to pedestrians • Forces traffic out into the intersection vs cutting the corner.
Mile O Music – Community Hall	The District gardener had the opportunity to install the accessible instruments at the community hall. The sign still needs to be installed and the gardener plans to complete final landscaping in the area in the spring. Chair Barnett was approached by the Free Press to provide a little news story, however once the project is completed the Committee can gather together to feature the installation. District staff will report at the next meeting what is remaining of the grant funding received; the committee can then identify an additional project that will be forwarded to Sparc BC for approval.
Centennial Park Tour & community accessibility.	Committee discussed the Centennial Park Tour and additional questions were raised on access to public washrooms and the options of accessible port-o-potty's during large events. Staff was requested to contact supply companies to obtain information about the accessible option, the price differential, and the overall demand. The committee commented on the District of 100 Mile event planning guide, does this encourage event planners to consider accessibility? Tourism Task Force – Promote accessibility in tourism?

	VIC – Home to schedule of events, can they highlight if the event is accessible OR ask the event planner if they have additional accommodations (accessible washrooms) to address accessibility. Chamber of Commerce – engage to help promote accessibility in the business community. Business excellence award for acknowledging accessibility?
Helmet Parade	M. Dewing is working with his group to host a helmet awareness campaign, promoting the use of helmets in a range of sports and activities. Exploring ideas and will work with Chair Barnett on coordinating helmet awareness at other events. (Rodeo, duck race, what’s happening, hockey games, etc.)
Funding	M.Dewing circulated correspondence relating to a variety of funding options and concerns and questioned how the committee can advocate or acquire additional funding to assist in creating a more accessible environment and promote awareness. Committee members will work together to research and locate funding as they can.
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Moved By: Ben Vinje Seconded By: Mike Dewing CARRIED That the Committee meeting is adjourned at 12:00 PM.
	Next meeting – November 20th, 2025 @ 11:00