



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Meeting Date: May 29, 2026

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on May 28, 2026.

The committee received updates on accessibility improvements being incorporated into the Causeway Trail project and the Windsor waterfront area. Members were pleased to learn that several accessibility recommendations identified by the committee for the waterfront have been incorporated into the project approved by Council. It is encouraging to see accessibility considerations included in projects early and to see recommendations from the committee reflected in the final design.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the future of the committee's accessibility walkthroughs and site visits. Over the past year, these walkthroughs have helped identify barriers, raise awareness, and create opportunities for discussion between community members, staff, and the committee. As the committee discussed the program, members recognized that the committee is made up of volunteers and that future members may have different levels of experience, expertise, comfort, and capacity.

The committee discussed shifting toward a model that focuses more on education and supporting organizations in assessing their own spaces and events. Ideas included self-assessment materials, brochures, online resources, and educational videos that could help organizations better understand accessibility considerations and identify opportunities for improvement. The goal is to create an approach that is practical, sustainable, and easy for organizations to use.

The committee also discussed the importance of tracking recommendations, concerns, and accomplishments and how monitoring progress will help the committee better understand its impact, identify ongoing priorities, and support future presentations to Council.

Resident Member Jordan Stephens shared accessibility concerns he identified throughout Windsor, primarily related to sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure. Staff agreed to look into the concerns raised. The discussion reinforced the value of having community members, staff, and committee members working together to identify barriers that may otherwise go unnoticed and help improve accessibility throughout the Municipality.

Committee members were reminded that Red Shirt Day, which celebrates the contributions of persons with disabilities and promotes accessibility and inclusion, takes place on June 3.

As I was unable to attend the April meeting, I would like to thank Councillor John Smith for attending on my behalf. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2026, in Council Chambers.

ACTION ITEMS:

No action items at this time.