



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on July 21, 2026.

One highlight of the meeting was reviewing the first draft of the accessibility walkthrough guide that our Chair, Michel Bourgeois, has been developing. I want to recognize the amount of work Michel has put into this project. The guide is designed as a self-directed accessibility review that businesses and community organizations can use to look at their own spaces and identify ways to improve accessibility. The Committee will now review the draft and provide comments before bringing it back for further discussion in September. I think this is going to be a great resource for businesses and community organizations. It gives them something practical to use to start looking at accessibility in their own spaces.

The Committee also discussed creating a dedicated accessibility page on the Municipality's website. The idea is to have one place where businesses and community organizations can find the walkthrough guide, funding opportunities, and other accessibility resources. I think having everything in one place will make it much easier for people to find the information they're looking for and, hopefully, encourage more organizations to start thinking about accessibility in their own spaces.

We also received updates on several accessibility projects happening around the Municipality. It was great to hear that another accessible viewing area has been added at the Sports Complex and that ramps have now been installed to make it easier for people to access the concrete surface when the ice is not in. We also talked about the upcoming accessibility improvements around the Causeway Trail and gazebo area and how great it will be to see those projects completed. It continues to be encouraging to see accessibility considered early in projects and to see recommendations from the Committee reflected in the work being done. This builds on updates we received at our June meeting about accessibility improvements already being incorporated into the waterfront and Causeway Trail projects approved by Council.

The Committee also heard about the accessibility improvements recently completed by the Windsor Agricultural Society at the old arena. They created a new accessible viewing area with companion seating and completed upgrades to the washrooms, including accessible and limited-mobility washrooms. I love hearing about projects like this. They make a real difference for people in our communities, and the Committee talked about finding ways to recognize organizations that are making accessibility a priority.

We also discussed some of the accessibility challenges along Morison Drive. Members noted that while the area is home to several important community services, including the Municipal Office, Family Resource Centre, Hants Learning Network and Food Bank, the existing crosswalks lead to grass rather than pavement and there are still no sidewalks in the area. It was a good reminder that there is still work to do.

There was no update on the additional accessible parking spaces as the staff member leading that work was away. The Chair will follow up and bring an update back to a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for September.

ACTION ITEMS:

If you know of a business, organization, or community group in your district that has made accessibility improvements, I'd love to hear about it. The Committee has been talking about ways to recognize the great work that's happening throughout West Hants, and this would be a wonderful way to highlight those efforts.