



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Date: April 17th, 2025

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee continues its work to make our communities more inclusive and accessible.

Accessibility Video Project

The working group is moving forward with the video project, which should be ready next year. It will highlight 20–30 places in the municipality to showcase accessibility improvements and raise awareness. We also plan to create a "Day in the Life" video to share experiences of people with different abilities in our region. The committee is exploring ways to include accessibility recognition in the Inspiring Business Awards.

National AccessAbility Week (May 25-31)

During this week, the committee will introduce its members on the West Hants Facebook page. This is a time to celebrate achievements, raise awareness, and work towards breaking down barriers.

Work Plan

The committee began working on its goals for 2025. We're focusing on small, achievable tasks to address accessibility issues right away.

Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification

We discussed what this certification could mean for the municipality and how it might benefit our residents.

Website

Updating the municipal website to improve accessibility is still a priority.

Accessibility Audits for Events

The committee discussed a service that evaluates event spaces for accessibility. This service provides reports on any challenges and suggests changes to improve accessibility for events like festivals. It's a helpful resource to give people clear information about what to expect and encourage more inclusive events in our region.

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items for Council from this meeting.

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