

Priorities Committee Meeting_May26_2020

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Accessibility Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report****Report Purpose**

To update the Priorities Committee on the 2019 activities and accomplishments of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, as required by Strathcona County Bylaw 30-2018.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Report

The purpose of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to Council on improving accessibility for all people in Strathcona County. The AAC's work is in alignment with Council's Strategic Plan, Strathcona County's Social Framework and key strategies and policies of the county. The AAC provides an accessibility lens on Strathcona County policies, programs, services and facilities and provides advice to Council and Administration on policies and programs to improve outcomes for people with accessibility considerations in Strathcona County.

The following are mandate items for the AAC, and the activities undertaken in 2019:

- Recreation and Culture Strategy: reviewed the draft Recreation and Culture Strategy and contributed input to inform implementation planning for the strategy.
- Transit: went on a field trip with the Seniors Advisory Committee on a Strathcona County transit bus for an overview of transit services, including Mobility Bus and discussed issues and opportunities related to accessibility.
- Diversity and Inclusion: provided input on the engagement plan for the county's draft diversity and inclusion policy and inclusive hiring policy and reviewed and contributed input on the draft policies.

Mandate items to be completed in 2020 include:

- Continuing to provide advice and recommendations for making Strathcona County more diverse and inclusive, focusing on disability awareness
- Soliciting public feedback from individuals with disabilities and recommending how accessibility issues may be addressed in various County initiatives
- Providing advice and recommendations to Council on how to help educate the business community on actions that promote greater accessibility
- Continuing to monitor federal and provincial directions and regulations for insights on potential implications for Strathcona County.

The 2019 AAC consisted of five public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

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Public Voting Members	Non-voting Members
Rashelle Babij	Katie Berghofer
Andre Duteau	Linton Delainey (alternate)
Floyd House	
Susan Mynzak	
Kim McDonald (Vice-chair)	
John Vrolijk (Chair)	

Council and Committee History

September 25, 2018 Council approves third reading of the bylaw establishing the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Other Impacts**Policy:**

Legislative/Legal: Strathcona County Bylaw 30-2018

Interdepartmental: Recreation, Parks and Culture, Intergovernmental Affairs, Transportation and Agriculture, Transit Services

Master Plan/Framework: 2013-2030 Strategic Plan, Strathcona County Social Framework, Recreation and Culture Strategy, Transit Master Plan

Enclosure(s)

1 Accessibility Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report Presentation