



MINUTES
CITY OF MERRITT
AGE FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 3, 2024
2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

PRESENT: **Councillor W. Charney, Acting Chair**
Ms. G. Bloom
Ms. S. Fischer
Mr. L. Gamache
Ms. J. Myram

ABSENT: **Mayor M. Goetz**

IN ATTENDANCE: **Ms. C. White, Chief Administrative Officer**
Mr. R. Green, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Services
Ms. A. Legouf, Manager Community Services
Ms. A. Gush, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Charney called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx people.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Age Accessibility Committee Minutes - August 8, 2024

The Committee amended the minutes as follows: Councillor Charney should be listed as being in attendance.

THAT the Minutes of the Age Friendly and Accessibility Committee held on August 8, 2024 be adopted as amended.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Procedure

Mr. Rick Green spoke on sidewalk inspection and maintenance procedures noting that City staff work on a priority basis. Staff were directed to investigate transportation standards for the painting of sidewalk let downs.

The Committee spoke on concerns around snow removal within community, icy walkways were noted as areas of specific concern, specifically at the Central Park pathways. Discussions ensued around concept designs of pathways and items that are on the list to be completed. As more funding becomes available additional areas can be included.

4.2 Age Friendly and Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan

Ms. MacDonald noted that there are accessibility legislative requirements that must be met, she suggested that the workplan be reprioritized to meet these requirements. The Committee will review the action tracker and note which items have been completed and which areas require attention.

THAT the Age Friendly and Accessibility Committee will meet monthly for the next three months.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Age Friendly and Accessibility Action Tracker

CAO White noted there will be funding news released soon that can be used to review and update the plan; however, it was noted that there is not enough funding to completely redo the plan. The CAO suggested working with a consultant to review and update the plan.

The Committee will review the tracker and submit updates to staff.

6. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Acting Chair declared the meeting ended at 2:48 pm.

Mayor

Michael Goetz

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the Community Charter

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 20____