



Committee Report to Council

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Date: February 26, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Ken Biron, Chair, Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion

Subject: Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2024 Annual Report

Attachment(s):

1. Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2024 Work Plan
2. Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2025 Work Plan
3. Terms of Reference for Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion
4. 2024 Accessibility Feedback Data Analysis Report

Recommendation(s):

That Council APPROVES the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2025 Work Plan attached to the report dated February 26, 2025, from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion titled: "Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2024 Annual Report".

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the activities and achievements of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion and to provide the Committee's proposed 2025 work plan for Council's consideration.

Background:

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion is a Council Committee guided by its Council-approved Terms of Reference mandate to advise Mayor and Council and City Staff on the identification, removal, and prevention of physical, social, and attitudinal barriers to individuals in or interacting with the City of Prince George as an organization or which impedes the full participation of all citizens in every aspect of community life.

Work of the Committee 2024:

In 2024, the committee held four meetings to address items included within its 2024 work plan. The committee reviewed and advised on the following:

- 67 service requests related to barriers on accessibility
- Prioritizing potential project concepts for preparing a SPARC BC accessibility grant application
- 21 action items update contained in the City's 2023-2026 Work Plan

Overview of 2025 Work Plan

Attached to this report is the proposed 2025 work plan, which reflects the committee's focus on reviewing feedback regarding accessibility barriers within the City of Prince George and feedback on the City's Accessibility Work Plan. The committee is expected to review service requests, identify key issues, and advise on future actions to be incorporated into the updated plan.

Summary and conclusion:

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion respectfully requests Council's approval of its 2025 work plan and looks forward to continuing its efforts to identify, prevent, and remove barriers that impede the full participation of individuals in or interacting with the City of Prince George.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Biron, Chair
Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusion

Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: [2025/03/10]