



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

COUNCIL POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee is to:

- assist the Township of Esquimalt in making Esquimalt more accessible to all its citizens.
- Advise and assist Council to accomplish its goals and objectives as outlined in Council's Strategic Plan.

MANDATE

The Access Awareness Advisory Committee will, consistent with the purpose described above, undertake the following:

- Provide opportunity for public input respecting accessibility issues.
- Identify accessibility barriers to services and facilities and advise and make recommendations to the Municipality for strategies to improve access for all people.
- Provide increased awareness to Council respecting accessibility issues in areas including but not limited to, transportation, housing, recreation, employment and education.
- Identify sources of funding and grants to support access awareness related activities.

In its advisory role, the Committee will provide organizational context to discussions and ensure that:

- any form of communication from the Committee [which includes correspondence, logos, branding, graphics] represents the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt;
- any action proposed to be taken [which includes supporting or participating in an endeavor] has first received Council endorsement.

The Access Awareness Advisory Committee will submit to Council an annual work plan at the beginning of each year describing its plans for the year. The Committee will submit to Council a final report at the end of each year describing its activities and accomplishments of the previous year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee consists of up to Ten (10) full voting members and Two (2) non voting members as follows:

Full Voting Members

- Council Members – Two (2) appointed by the Mayor.
- Community representatives – Up to Seven (7) appointed by Council.
- A Youth representative – appointed by Council per Council's policy "ADMIN – 60, Role of Youth Representative Appointment to Council Committees".

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Non Voting Members

- A liaison representative assigned by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- A liaison representative invited from BC Transit.
- A staff liaison position – appointed to act as a resource to the Committee as outlined in Council’s policy “ADMIN – 61, Role of Staff Liaison Appointment to Council Committees.”
- A recording secretary – assigned to the Committee to prepare meeting agendas, take the minutes and prepare any other correspondence as required.

QUORUM

- The calculation of quorum to conduct business is 50% +1 of full voting members shown below:
 - If: 7 full voting members – quorum is 4
 - 8 full voting members – quorum is 5
 - 9 full voting members – quorum is 5
 - 10 full voting members – quorum is 6

ELIGIBILITY

Committee members may be members of disabled organizations, but they are not to be formal representatives of any specific organization. An effort will be made to ensure representation of a broad cross-section of abilities/ disabilities.

TERMS

Members may be appointed for one or two year terms with term end dates split between alternating years to ensure continuity of committee membership. On application, members may be re-appointed for up to three consecutive terms.

All appointees sit at the pleasure of Council and may be removed at Council's discretion. Council may disqualify an appointee from holding that appointment if the person is absent from committee meetings for a period of 3 consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings, unless the absence is because of illness or injury or is with the leave of Council.

MEETINGS

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year in accordance with its regular schedule of meetings established annually at the first meeting of the year. No meetings are held during the summer and winter breaks (July, August and December). Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chair.

At the first meeting of each calendar year the committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst its members. If Council deems it necessary, Council may appoint the Chair for the Committee.

The meeting rules and procedures will be in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.

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ORIENTATION/TRAINING
The Committee members appointed by Council will be provided an orientation/education session from Staff to be scheduled early in the new year.

Staff will seek to arrange specific training in conducting effective meetings for those Committee members appointed as the Chair and Vice Chair.

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