

STAFF REPORT



To: Council
From: Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks
Approved by: Trudy Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: March 22, 2021
Subject: Accessibility Advisory Committee Public Members Recommendations

Origin

In the early winter of 2020, a public request was put out to invite community members to submit applications to join the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

THAT, Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne approve the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee based on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee: Holly Perry, Sylvia Snow, Wanda Buchanan, Elizabeth Chute, Bil Atwood and Terry Stacey.

Background

Bill No. 59, "An Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia" requires municipalities to create an Accessibility Advisory Committee with at least one half of the members being persons with disabilities or representatives from organizations which represent persons with disabilities. As per the legislation, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, Town of Shelburne and Town of Lockeport developed a joint committee called The Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Based on the Terms of Reference, the Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members; six (6) community members and three (3) council members. It will also have staff appointed by the three councils to attend meetings as a resource to the Committee. By the fall of 2020, all three councils had appointed their council representatives and staff. The next step was to recruit community members to join the committee.

Discussion

Six applications from community members were received and the Nominating Committee reviewed them at their first meeting held on March 17, 2021. Three of the individuals are a person with a disability and two represent an organization representing people with disabilities. This meets the requirements for disability representation on the Accessibility Advisory Committee as per the Act.

Based on the review, the following individuals are being recommended to be appointed to the committee:

Sylvia Snow – Sylvia has volunteer experience with other local committees and has been involved with addressing accessibility issues in her past work experience. She is a resident of the Municipality.

Wanda Buchanan – Wanda volunteers extensively, especially with the Sable River Community Hall. She worked with the provincial government for over 24 years in various capacities: low income, disabled, businesses and a wide range of community resources. She is a resident of the Municipality.

Holly Perry - Holly has been employed with SASI for 16 years. She also holds volunteer executive positions with both SouWest Nova Transit Association and Hillcrest Academy Parent Teach Support Group. She is a resident of the Town of Shelburne.

Elizabeth Chute – Elizabeth works with the SouWest Nova Transit Association. She volunteers with other community groups and in the past worked with the Shelburne Baptist Church in helping to build a senior's residence on Sandy Point road. She is a resident of the Town of Shelburne.

Bil Atwood – Bil is involved with several Town of Lockeport volunteer committees such as economic development, tourism and planning. He is currently working on accessibility audits for the Town. He is a resident of the Town of Lockeport.

Terry Stacey – Terry was chief co-chair of Health and Safety for Bell Canada, Ottawa, which entailed many focuses including accessibility. He is confident he can make knowledgeable and informed contributions to the committee and its work. He is a resident of the Town of Lockeport.

Budget Implications

There may be travel and training costs associated with the members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, which has been accounted for in the Professional Services budget.

Alternatives

If any further applications are sought, a second call out would be required.



Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee
Application Form

Applicant Name:		
Civic Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:		Cell:
Email:		
Occupation:		
Describe how your life experiences, community involvement, education, or work might be helpful to this committee.		
Why are you interested in serving on this committee?		
What contribution do you believe you can make to this committee?		

What past contributions have you made on a similar committee or organization?	
What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?	
Are you a person with a disability? Yes No	
What disability/disabilities do you represent (if applicable)?	
Do you represent an organization representing people with disabilities? Yes No	
What disability/disabilities does your organization represent (if applicable)?	
Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

Submit your completed application to:

Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks, Municipality of Shelburne

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