



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

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From: Kim Hilton
Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to provide the Terms of Reference for the provincially legislated accessibility committee in accordance with Council Policy CO-79.

POLICY:

Council Policy CO-79 Advisory Bodies defines the characteristics of advisory bodies including City committees and task groups and requires that City committees' and task groups' Terms of Reference be approved by Council.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The *Accessible BC Act (Act)* is a new provincial legislation passed in June 2021 that establishes a legal framework to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to the full and equal participation of people with disabilities. The Act requires municipalities to establish an accessibility committee; an accessibility plan; and develop a mechanism for feedback on accessibility. The committee will review the plan at least once every 3 years bringing recommendations forward to council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Council has approved \$20,000 in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan to begin work on developing the accessibility plan.

The work of the committee will begin in September 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

NA

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Hilton
Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

Attachment:

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer