



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject Accessibility Advisory Committee - Funding Request

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From: Councillor Delaney Mack
Committee Chair

Date: July 8, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to City Council to approve a budget of up to \$60,000 for the audit of the better built-environment, programs and services, human resources, accessibility plans and strategy development.
2. THAT the \$60,000 fund be included in a fall 2024 budget amendment or as part of the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

SUMMARY:

The June 6, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting focused on the work completed by the Accessibility Audit subcommittee. The Accessibility Advisory committee reviewed the recommendations and considerations document from the May 2024 subcommittee findings. The document was broken into Phase one and Phase two, then divided into 4 categories: outside, inside, procurement and transportation. Each category was reviewed by the members for any amendments.

The outside environment within the City includes municipal design, materials, specifications, and installation requirements for accessibility encompassing; outside public spaces, business entrances, sidewalks/curbs, bike lanes, ramps, traffic crosswalks, loading zones and/or spaces regulated and maintained by the City.

The inside environment applied to the following City facilities:

- Timms Community Centre
- City Hall
- Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- Public buildings
- Douglas Recreation Centre (Excluded due to renovations)

AAC Member proposed media coverage on website, news or print to inform the public of the Accessibility Advisory Committee actions to assist the City in accessibility, inclusion, delivery of service, the built environment, interaction, information and communication, transportation, procurement and employment.

The Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services provided the committee with an estimate provided by SPARC BC including:

- Built-Environment Accessibility Audit: \$5,000 to \$10,000 per facility
- Programs and Services Audit (including a community survey): Approximately \$7,000
- Human Resources Accessibility Audit: Approximately \$5,000
- Accessibility Plans and Strategy Development: \$10,000 to \$35,000

It is anticipated a budget of \$60,000 is required to complete the audit of the built-environment (\$30,000 for Timms Community Centre, Al Anderson Memorial Pool, outside amenities), programs and services (\$7,000), human resources (\$5000), accessibility plans and strategy development (\$35,000). There is currently a budget of \$20,000 from the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan; additional funds up to \$60,000 would be required to complete the work.

The recommendation before you is a result of the above noted discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Delaney Mack
Chair