



**Date:** January 29, 2025  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Walter Tingley, Accessibility Advisory Committee Chairperson  
**RE:** Accessibility Advisory Committee Report

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The Committee held a meeting on January 20, 2025, at the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre. The following items were discussed at the meeting.

### 1. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Tingley was appointed Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.  
Councillor Dixon was appointed Vice Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

### 2. ACCESSIBILITY BACKGROUND PRESENTATION

For the first meeting of the committee the Manager of Planning provided a background presentation to the committee on Accessibility, the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act and the Municipal Accessibility Plan.

The manager of planning discussed that the provincial government requires the plan be reviewed and updated and the work to update the 2021 plan is currently underway.

### 3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ACCESSIBILITY

The Manager of Protective Services discussed their role as the emergency management coordinator with the municipality. The committee discussed the importance of a '72 hour go bag' and plans for communicating this to vulnerable people. The committee also discussed networking (family/friends) and having things in place prior to an event or disaster to ensure someone was able to assist them with their needs.

#### 4. ACCESSIBILITY PLAN MONITORING REPORT

The Manager of Planning presented a draft version of the accessibility plan monitoring report. The action items which have been completed and actions items currently being worked on were highlighted.

*As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.*