

TOWN OF KENTVILLE KENTVILLE INCLUSION AND ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2025 Space and Company, Kentville Nova Scotia

PRESENT

Committee members:

- Councillor Rob Baker
- Councillor Cathy Maxwell
- Holly Rogers
- Stephen Weiss
- Kait Bowser
- Nicole Ross
- Bernie Zinck

Staff:

- Jennifer West
- Kevin Matheson

Mayor Andrew Zebian

Voting Members:

Holly Rogers, Bernie Zinck, Saheed Akande, Stephen Weiss, Kait Bowser

Regrets:

Saheed Akande

Chair Nicole Ross lead the meeting and gave a land acknowledgement.

Approval of the Agenda

Review of agenda for the meeting on June 20, 2025

It was moved by consensus

That the Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting on June 20, 2025.

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Review of minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2025

It was moved by Rob Baker and Stephen Weiss

That the Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meetings on February 21, 2025.

Motion Carried

4. UPDATES

(a) Membership: Stephen Weiss

Discussion of stepping away and stepping back to the committee. It was agreed by all members that Stephen Weiss continue to be a voting member of the committee.

(b) A brief update on the pause between February and June meetings

Members reviewed the events of February 21.

It was moved by Holly Rogers

That the Committee remove Cathy Maxwell from the Inclusion and Access Committee.

Motion failed

Cathy Maxwell left the meeting

Holy Rogers left the meeting

It was moved by Rob Baker and Stephen Weiss

That the Committee organize an independent third-party mediation between Holly Rogers and Cathy Maxwell.

Motion Carried

Discussion

The collection of experiences in this committee reflects systemic challenges in society and can help the committee as well as the community in healing, learning and moving forward.

Holly Rogers returned to the meeting

It was moved by Kait Bowser and Holly Rogers

That Committee members submit their perspectives (voluntarily) about what occurred at the February meeting, and subsequent related interactions, in order to have institutional memory and opportunity for learning from these experiences.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Stephen Weiss and Kait Bowser

That the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to develop a conflict resolution process for Council, Committees and staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Kait Bowser to put her name forward for Deputy Chair

The chair called for nominations for deputy chair of the committee.

It was moved by Rob Baker and Holly Rogers

That the Committee appoint Kait Bowser as the Deputy Chair of the Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Update from Holly Rogers about the Western Regional Accessibility Committee regarding The Remedy- closing down institutions across the province and disabled people moving into the community.

Discussion about the task teams bringing updates back to the committee.

NEXT MEETING

Discussion about meeting as a full group and not in task teams.

Next meetings: July 18, 2025, 9am August 15, 2025, 9am

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That there being no other business to discuss, that the meeting adjourn at 11:10 am.