



Advisory Committee Name: Accessibility

Name of Member:

JEANNIE MEYER

Topic for Discussion:

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:

Nov. 15/23

Staff Support: Amanda Laurence

Details:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee has a mandate adopted that reads: "To work toward a barrier-free community for all persons with disabilities and to work with the community to fulfill the mandate of the committee."

It has been brought to the attention of the forementioned committee that the practices of advisory meetings are exclusionary for some members of the public that may or may not identify as disabled. The technology, to be inclusive without adding barriers of participation (such as travel to city hall), has existed and been in practice within the city of E.L. for approximately 2-3 years. To this point, if we are able to admit our own members for participation within committee business via technological opportunities, should we not also eliminate the same barriers of access to citizens that have interest in the committee business? I propose we allow access to committee business for viewing, ^{to speak} as afforded with opportunities ^{when in person} to be provided during public input, with the exception of on-site audits and in camera sessions.

This proposal lies in opposition to current by-law practices for advisory committees in the City of E.L. I wish to extend this proposal to council and by-law for reconsideration of the current approach in the accessibility advisory committee operational procedure.

Goals: 1, 2, 3, +6