City of Chilliwack ACCESSIBILITY and INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 – 4:00 pm DOGWOOD ROOM / Held Electronically

Council Members:

Councillor Jason Lum, Chair Councillor Jeff Shields, Vice-Chair

Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Members: Julia Lamb, Community Advocate and Chair of Disability Alliance BC Debbie Denault, Plain Language Specialist Leah Kelley, Writer/Consultant, UBC Faculty of Education Zeeshan Khan, Educational Assistant, SD33 Alyson Seale, Associate Professor, University of the Fraser Valley Jim Ryan, Certified Accessibility Professional and Rick Hansen Foundation Ambassador Sheralie Taylor, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Katie Bartel, Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council City Staff: Jamie Leggatt, Director of Communications and Legislative Services, Staff Liaison

Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Guest: Gregory Wees

Regrets:Anya McRae, Community MemberMatt Yeomans, Chilliwack People First, President

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Lum was Chair, and called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and provided a territorial acknowledgement.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved /) That the Agenda for the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Seconded (Committee of Monday, February 5, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes for the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory
Seconded (Committee of Monday, November 27, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Julia Lamb, Community Advocate and Chair of Disability Alliance BC provided an update with respect to the work she has been conducting with the Committee. The Committee has completed some session work outside of the regularly scheduled committee meetings to identify barriers, goals, gaps and potential action items concerning the four focus areas, as noted below, that will be a part of the Chilliwack Accessibility Plan.

- 1. Advocacy and Education
- 2. Built Environment
- 3. Information, Communication and Engagement
- 4. Accessible Employment Practices and Procurement

The Committee's feedback was provided which facilitated further discussion with respect to each of the four focus areas.

J. Lamb will send out the revised information discussed at today's meeting.

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Next Step

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• J. Leggatt, Director of Communications and Legislative Services, Staff Liaison will begin meeting with City of Chilliwack staff to discuss barriers noted by the Committee.

Chair Lum thanked the Committee for all of the time and effort put into the draft Chilliwack Accessibility Plan thus far.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. INFORMATION

1. City of Chilliwack's Accessibility Plan – draft outline

The Chilliwack Accessibility Plan Draft Outline was provided for information.

2. 2024 AIAC Workplan – draft

The 2024 AIAC Draft Workplan was provided for information.

3. Discussion – rescheduling July 15, 2024 meeting

At the November 27, 2023 meeting, the Committee discussed rescheduling the July 15, 2024 meeting to another date in June due to summer scheduling conflicts. Staff will send out a June meeting date.

4. 2024 Terms of Reference and Membership List

The 2024 Terms of Reference and Membership List were provided for information.

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8. NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting scheduled on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 4:00 pm has since been rescheduled to Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Dogwood Room and via zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm //