



**North Coast Regional District**  
**Haida Gwaii Accessibility Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 12:00 PM**  
Held via teleconference

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Chair: H. Tsang, Corporate Officer, North Coast Regional District

Members: David Archer  
Elisa Schatz  
D'Leen Betts  
Ronda Bell  
Kirsten Holuboch  
Evelyn Robinson  
Leighann Rodger

Regrets:

Staff: Josh Humphries, Village of Masset  
Jasmine Bulbrook, Village of Daajing Giids  
Marjorie Dobson, Village of Port Clements

Public Media:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 *The Haida Gwaii Accessibility Committee acknowledges the traditional territory of the Haida and Tsimshian on which this meeting takes place.*

1.2 Call to Order at 12:03 p.m.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the Committee resolves to adopt the September 13, 2023 Haida Gwaii Accessibility Committee meeting agenda as presented.

**Dobson/Holuboch**

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**CARRIED**

### **3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 3.1 Committee members and staff introduced themselves and provided a reason for joining the Accessibility Committee.

### **4. DISCUSSION OF INTENT OF COMMITTEE; REVIEW OF PROVINCIAL MATERIALS & REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 (Temporary) Chair Tsang presented and answered questions relating to Accessible BC Act requirements, including the September 1 deadline to:

- Develop an Accessibility Committee;
- Develop an Accessibility Plan; and
- A process to receive comments from the public.

### **5. REVIEW/REVISIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 5.1 (Temporary) Chair Tsang reviewed the Terms of Reference and noted:

- That the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the next Committee meeting;
- That the Committee is a joint Committee, consisting of the North Coast Regional District, Village of Masset, Village of Daajing Giids, and Village of Port Clements; and
- That the Committee needs to recruit one indigenous member in order to fulfil Accessible BC Act requirements.

### **6. REQUEST TO FORWARD PRIORITIES IN ADVANCE OF NEXT SESSION**

- 6.1 The Committee discussed the following priorities:

#### **Employment**

- Municipalities to consider remote work options for those with accessibility issues.

#### **Delivery of Service**

- Accessibility of NCRD's recycling program – i.e. landfill does not accept cardboard, tins, or glass and those have to be brought to Masset or Daajing Giids.

## **The Built Environment**

- Accessibility of public bathrooms – wheelchairs, handrails, adult changing tables;
- Pathways leading to beach in Daajing Giids are not accessible;
- Accessible waterfront access in Masset;
- Civic facility accessibility, including ramps;
- Municipal playground accessibility;
- Downtown Daajing Giids sidewalks, shoulders, lanes are not accessible for people with scooters;
- Masset sidewalk conditions are poor for accessibility and seniors;
- Lack of sidewalks in Port Clements;
- Support safe and affordable housing for those with disabilities; and
- Raise funds towards accessibility from Airbnb properties.

## **Information and Communications**

- Stream municipal council and board meetings in Haida Gwaii;
- Explore municipal website accessibility; and
- Consider those that don't have computer access.

## **Transportation**

- Emergency evacuation and tsunami plan for people with disabilities; and
- Lack of accessible transportation, including for seniors.

## **Procurement**

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## **7. QUESTIONS**

7.1 The Committee had a discussion on the following topics:

- Ensuring Haida input on the joint accessibility plan; and
- Contacting health centres in Skidegate and Old Massett to recruit for an Indigenous committee member.

(Temporary) Chair Tsang recapped that at the next meeting:

- The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected;
- The Terms of Reference will be adopted; and
- The next meeting will be held in mid-October.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**8.1 Adjournment**

That the Haida Gwaii Accessibility Committee adjourns the Haida Gwaii Accessibility Committee meeting held September 13, 2023 the time being 12:55 p.m.

**Bulbrook/Archer**

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**CARRIED**

*Approved and adopted:*

*Certified correct:*

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*Chair*

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*Corporate Officer*