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Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, held July 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm, Electronic Meeting

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PRESENT:
Committee Members: T. Bolt (Chair), J. Parr (Vice Chair), J. Briante, P. Danforth, M. Essery (1:36 pm), L. Hube, Z. Lundrie, B. Manning-Jones, G. Robinson

Staff: C. Neilson, Senior Manager, People, Safety and Culture; A. Ali, Manager, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; K. McCann, Manager, Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal; C. Rickinson, Manager, Corporate Occupational Health and Safety; K. Donaldson, People and Culture Program Specialist; T. Nakata, Senior Project Engineer; J. Rennie, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: E. Syring, R. Welland, M. Little (GFNRC Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Bolt provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by B. Manning-Jones, SECONDED by J. Parr,
That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of July 21, 2026 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by L. Hube, SECONDED by J. Parr,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 19, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Bolt spoke about the summertime being a perfect time to utilize the accessible board launch at Elk/Beaver Lake and how part of the dock system and trails are accessible for wheelchair users.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. Introduction of New Staff Member

A. Ali and K. Donaldson presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. Stair Evacuation Chair Update

C. Neilson presented Item 6.2. for information.

6.3. CRD Trailing Widening and Lighting Project Update

K. McCann & C. Davis presented Item 6.3. for information.

M. Essery joined the meeting at 1:36 pm.

Discussion ensued on:

- timeline of received responses for evaluation
- inclusion of the accessibility advisory committee in future collaborations and projects

6.4. CRD Accessibility Plan Actions Update

A. Ali presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the diversity and inclusion training and opportunities for staff to take the training.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

8.1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

C. Neilson mentioned at the September meeting notification about upcoming expiring appointments and canvasing those members who wish to sit on the committee for another 2-year term will be completed.

8.2. Accessible Events in CRD Parks

T. Bolt spoke about how the CRD has provided more accessible and inclusive opportunities for Park users to attend events.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by L. Hube, SECONDED by M. Essery,
That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of July 21, 2026 be adjourned at 2:05 pm.
CARRIED

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Chair

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Committee Clerk