



**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
INFORMATION SESSION  
November 8, 2023 – 4:00 pm  
Councillor’s Lounge, Municipal Building**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was cancelled due to lack of quorum. An information session was held in its place.

The information session began at 4:05 pm. The following individuals were in attendance: Sheri Hurlburt, Dwayne Roberts, Monette Comeau, Darlene LeBlanc, Livinus Numfor, and Barb DeViller Recording Secretary.

Welcome Livinus Numfor, Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator:

The new Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, Livinus Numfor, was welcomed to the committee. Livinus indicated he began his position on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and has been reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the position, the Terms of Reference of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, as well as past minutes. He has been attempting to make some contacts.

Introduction to Shelley Adams, RWS, Manager CNIB Voice Atlantic Canada.

Shelley Adams, RSW, Manager of CNIB Voice (Advocacy) Atlantic Canada was in attendance to give some insight on the CNIB and tools that may be beneficial to MODY. In her role she meets with the Accessibility Advisory Committees in Atlantic Canada. She inquired as to whether the committee would have room for new members.

Ms. Adams also reviewed the three pillars of the CNIB 5-year strategic plan.

- Change in attitudes – reducing the stigma around the visually impaired
- Safe and accessible journeys – real transportation and built environment. Get on Board Campaign and rural transit.
- Kids Will Thrive – Educating kids with and without sight loss. Get into more schools and change attitudes. Mandatory eye exams before children start school, not just regular screening

Accessibility Audits:

Darlene provided an update with respect to the accessibility audits. Council approved the motion of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council an order of priority for the work that will be required to the Administration Building and the Hebron Rotary



Centre. Staff is in the process of negotiating with an architectural firm for the renovations to the buildings.

Yarmouth County Accessibility Map:

The Town of Yarmouth developed an accessibility map and expressed their wish to expand the map to include Yarmouth County. The Town of Yarmouth contacted MODY and MODA to determine if the two municipal units wanted to be included. MODY agreed. TOY will focus initially on municipally owned assets. MODY will determine what will be included in the map.

The date for the next meeting will be determined at a later date.

The information session ended at 5:20 pm.

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Sheri Hurlburt, Chairperson

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Barb DeViller, Recording Secretary