



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 30
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Time: 6 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair Vania Karam, Vice-Chair Holl Ellingwood, Wayne Antle, Ian Bourrie, Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, Matthew Eliot, Jodi Fisher, David Humphries, Paula MacDonald, Anne Matio

Absent: Murray MacDonald, William Van Veen, Hannah Walhad

Present non-voting member: Sue Cowin, Ryan Duchoeny, Councillor Marty Carr

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public

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[Zoom meeting no. 897 1169 0883](#)

Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

The deadline to register to speak, or submit written comments is 4 pm on the day of the meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 AAC Minutes 29 – January 20, 2026

Carried

4. Community and Social Services

4.1 Refresh of Ottawa's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Kale Brown, Interim Director, Housing and Homelessness Services, Community and Social Services provided a presentation and answered questions from the Advisory Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Advisory Committee then heard from the following delegation:

1. Kyle Humphrey.

The Advisory Committee discussed, asked questions and provided feedback regarding further accessibility considerations and impacts that should be included in the refreshed 10-Year Plan.

Following discussions, the Advisory Committee received the presentation.

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.

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5. Public Information and Media Relations

5.1 Public Engagement Strategy Update

Meagan Muldoon, Public Engagement Specialist, Public Information and Media Relations, provided a presentation and answered questions from the Advisory Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Advisory Committee discussed, asked questions and provided feedback regarding the following topics:

- Does the updated public engagement strategy meet the needs of persons with disabilities?
- Are there any unintentional barriers to public engagement not considered in the strategy?

- What are the preferred methods to do public engagement?

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6. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motion.

7. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 17, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

J. Courchesne, Committee
Coordinator

Vania Karam, Chair