

**Warfield, Montrose & Fruitvale Inter-Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**In-Person: Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers**

**1947 Beaver Street, Fruitvale, BC**

**And Via Zoom**

Present M. Litcanu, Chair, Volunteer, Montrose  
A. Verigin, Volunteer, Fruitvale  
T. Hanik, Volunteer, Warfield  
T. Bolt, Accessibility Consultant, Bolt Access and Design Co.  
C. Ellison, Deputy Mayor, Village of Fruitvale  
T. Lenardon, Corporate Officer, Village of Warfield  
M. Partridge, CFO, Village of Fruitvale  
L. Plotnikoff, CAO, Village of Montrose

Absent L. Bouthillier, Vice Chair, Volunteer, Montrose  
J. Hill, Councillor, Village of Warfield  
D. Berriault, Councillor, Village of Montrose  
C. Amantea, Councillor, Village of Warfield  
L. Rabinowitz, Volunteer, Fruitvale

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Litcanu called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

**2. AGENDAS**

(1) Moved by T. Hanik

Seconded by L. Plotnikoff

THAT the February 27 agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES**

Moved by T. Hanik

Seconded by C. Ellison

THAT the Minutes of December 3, 2024, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

(1) Accessibility Plan Final Draft from Bolt Access and Design Co.

The final Accessibility Plan should now be approved by all three municipal councils and posted on each village website. This is a working document and will need to be reviewed every 3-5 years to review and update the key priorities

A discussion was held and each village staff member told the group what is being done in their villages:

- Warfield is improving accessibility on Lauriente Trail. Being done in sections
- Montrose is having staff taking accessible training awareness and improving the spray park for children with accessible needs
- Fruitvale is changing the entrance door to the village office to be push button activated with push buttons at hand and foot level

**5. REFERRALS OR REQUESTS TO ATTEND MEETING FROM DELEGATION**

*Nil*

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nil*

**7. REPORTS & MEMORANDA**

(1) Accessibility Plan Final Draft from Bolt Access and Design Co.

The final Accessibility Plan will be presented to the three Village councils in January for their approval. Once approved, the Committee will gather in late January 2025 to identify and suggest specific action items for inclusion in the Villages' budgets

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

Do we have any local volunteer groups that could help with seniors and persons with disabilities with carrying their groceries from their vehicle to house? What about groups helping with snow shovelling?

- There are students at J.L. Crowe High School that are looking to obtain their necessary volunteer hours to graduate

**9. NEXT MEETING**

A brief discussion was held on the possibility of posting our group meetings on social media to help get the exposure of our committee out to the public. It was discussed that we have our own social media page. Are there any potential in-person engagements that could be done to increase our exposure? A. Verigin, Village of Fruitvale Committee rep volunteered to be the inter-municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee’s social media liaison. The Committee members discussed this matter and it was agreed to include this for discussion at the next meeting

Miruna’s term as Chair and Lynda’s term as Vice-Chair have ended. We need to elect a Chair for a 1 year term and Vice-Chair for a 1 year term at the next meeting

The next meeting is going to be sometime between May 15 and May 31. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Larry moved and Catherine Seconded adjournment at 4:06 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Miruna Litcanu, Chair

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Marcus Partridge, CFO