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The **Access and Age Friendly Committee (“AAFC”)** is established in accordance with section 142 of the *Community Charter* to provide recommendations and advice to Council in accordance with these Terms of Reference (TOR). The EDTC has no legislative decision-making authority and does not make recommendations on operational issues.

### **1. GOVERNANCE**

Committee procedures are governed by Council Procedures Bylaw 1105, 2019, specifically section 31. Member conduct is governed by Council’s Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy 203, 2022.

### **2. MANDATE**

#### **2.1. The AAFC’s role is to:**

- (a) Identify and suggest solutions to gaps and barriers that impede full participation in all aspects of life in the District;
- (b) Provide Council with information on issues of concern to people of all ages and abilities;
- (c) Provide input on, monitor and contribute to District policies, programs and reports that affect people of all ages and abilities;
- (d) Act as a resource and work collaboratively with District staff on initiatives/projects to enhance accessibility for people of all ages and abilities;
- (e) Work cooperatively with other civic agencies whose activities affect people of all ages and abilities;
- (f) Engage in outreach to the communities of people of all ages and abilities to disseminate information and encourage participation;
- (g) Act as a conduit to Council for feedback from people of all ages and abilities on civic matters affecting accessibility issues;
- (h) Liaise with other community groups, such as community associations, sport associations or special interest groups who are dealing with access and mobility related matters concerning public property, private property to which the public has access or events that may be of interest and benefit to the community as a whole; and
- (i) Recommend to Council methods of informing the community on issues and concerns related to Age-Friendly Community Living Guidelines and mobility.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1. The AAFC will consist of no less than 4 voting members that are representatives from the community at large including from neighbourhood constituencies, youth and seniors.
- 3.2. At least 1 but not more than 2 members of Council as non-voting representative and 1 as an alternate.

**4. RESOURCES**

- 4.1. A Council Representative, a Staff Liaison (if operational workload permits) and a Recording Secretary will be appointed to the AAFC. Duties and responsibilities of these positions are set out in Council Procedures Bylaw 1105, 2019.

**5. APPOINTMENT AND TERM**

- 5.1. Voting members shall be appointed for 2- or 3-year term expiring June 30th. Members will have the option to continue for additional 3-year terms with Council approval. Council may appoint, reappoint or revoke appointment of a member at any time.

**6. CHAIRPERSON**

- 6.1. At the first meeting of each year a Chair and Acting Chair will be appointed in accordance with section 31 of Council Procedures Bylaw 1105, 2019. Council members shall not act as a Chairperson. The Chair is responsible for receiving referrals from staff (if applicable), scheduling meetings, ensuring proper conduct of meetings in accordance with Council Procedure Bylaw 1105, 2019 and Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy 203, 2022.

**7. REPORTING AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1. Recommendations to Council shall be made by resolution of the committee. Depending on operational workload, the CAO may direct the Staff Liaison to prepare a report substantiating the recommendation.
- 7.2. Where an item has been referred to a committee by Council, the referral shall be considered a priority and the committee shall respond by way of resolution. If no response is received within 14 days from the date of referral, the committee will be deemed to have no response.
- 7.3. The committee shall present a summary of activities, goals and accomplishments once each year to Council.

**8. AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

- 8.1. The Chair and Council Representative shall jointly determine items to be included on the agenda, which shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary 4 days prior to a scheduled meeting.
- 8.2. Notice of a meeting including the date, time and location of the meeting, shall be posted in the Posting Places, delivered to each Member and made available to the public, no later than 3 days prior to the meeting.
- 8.3. Minutes will record business decisions only in accordance with section 25 of Council Procedures Bylaw 1105, 2019.

**9. MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

- 9.1. The Committee shall meet quarterly or as necessary if there are matters to be considered.
- 9.2. A quorum is required to conduct business. Quorum means a majority of the membership. A vacancy does not invalidate the committee so long as there the number of members is not below quorum. If

there is no quorum present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the names of the members present shall be recorded and the meeting shall stand adjourned.

9.3. Each voting member has one vote on each matter. A majority decides every matter.

## **10. REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

10.1. Members serve without remuneration.

10.2. Requests for funding, resources, expenses or special initiatives with associated costs must be pre-approved by the CAO, Council resolution or Chief Financial Officer.

ADOPTED this day of xx, 2023 by resolution.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer