



**CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

March 19, 2024  
Principal Boardroom  
1560, rue Laurier Street, Rockland ON K4K 1P7

**PRESENT:** Stephane Fournier  
Martin Irwin Admin  
Ali Shaker  
Jacques Diotte  
Casey Billing  
Gabriel Rousselle

**ABSENT:** Melanie Warren  
Joanne Fredette Meloche

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The Chair opens the meeting at 7:05 pm.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Moved by** Gabriel Rousselle

**Seconded By** Jacques Diotte

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Round Table - Committee Members**

Each member presented themselves and explained what interested them in wanting to be a committee member.

M. Irwin presented the advisory committee terms of reference.

**4. Committee President Nomination**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Casey Billing be nominated committee Chairperson.

**Moved by** Ali Shaker

**Seconded By** Gabriel Rousselle

**CARRIED**

## **5. Municipal Initiatives and Projects**

### **5.1 Recreation Programs**

M. Irwin spoke about the Recreation & Culture division's recreation programs pilot project that was launched in 2023 that offered over 40 programs to more than 800 participants.

### **5.2 Concert Series**

M. Irwin spoke of the success of the Concert Series pilot-project that took place at the Optimiste Performance Hall.

A total of 4 concerts were offered during the 2023 season that included:

- SOS the ABBA Experience (tribute to ABBA) : 400 spectators,
- Country Night (tribute to Garth Brooks and Shania Twain) : 325 spectators,
- French stand-up comedy show : 210 spectators,
- Christmas concert with Marc Hervieux : 390 spectators.

### **5.3 Score Tennis**

M. Irwin informed the committee members that a Memorandum of understanding has been signed with Score Tennis Academy for the construction of a racquet sport facility near the Clarence-Rockland Arena.

### **5.4 YMCA**

M. Irwin informed the committee that the administration is currently negotiating with YMCA representatives for the renewal of the service agreement.

### **5.5 Clarence-Rockland Festival**

M. Irwin announced that the Clarence-Rockland Festival will take place from June 25 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in Simon Park. Festival program will include

the 50+ games, movie nights, French stand-up comedy show, Canada Day celebrations, family fun zone, and more.

He also informed the committee that the administration entered into a partnership with Summer Spirited Events to offer the Summer Spirits event on June 29. The ticketed event will showcase the finest bourbon, beer, and BBQ vendors where guests can savor samples, enjoy crafted cocktails, and indulge in authentic BBQ fare. There will also be live music and activities for the kids.

## **5.6 Municipal Parks**

The committee members were informed that the Operations Department is currently in the process of replacing 3 play structures (Bourget, Laviolette, Richelieu Grande-rivière parks) and is preparing to replace Simon Park's play structure as well. The department will also complete a full overhaul of the baseball diamond in St-Pascal and construct the Paul Lavoie park, on Catherine St., that will include petanque courts, a play structure, and a gazebo.

It is recommended by the committee that the administration considers people with visual impairments when planning accessible parks and amenities.

## **5.7 Heritage Signs Initiative**

M. Irwin informed the members that the administration is working on a new initiative to develop Puzzleblitz riddles for 10 Balado Découverte heritage signs in Rockland to garner new interest to this heritage initiative.

## **5.8 Waterfront Development**

M. Irwin informed the members that the administration will develop a waterfront development strategy. It will be presented to the committee once completed.

# **6. Municipal Strategies and Plans**

## **6.1 Strategic Plan**

The administration is currently completing its strategic plan and it will be presented to the committee once approved by municipal council.

## **6.2 Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan**

M. Irwin informed the committee that the administration is working with a consultant to develop a Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. The consultant is currently gathering data and compiling statistics. The project is expected to be completed by year's end.

### **6.3 Park Guidelines Manual**

The committee was informed that the Planning Department developed a Park Guidelines Manual that establishes standards for park sizes and type of amenities that should be included in various parks. The guide also included is a description of the design and construction process.

### **6.4 Clarence-Rockland Museum Strategic Plan**

M. Irwin informed the committee that the City retained the services of a consultant, Lord Cultural services, to complete a Museum strategic plan that will guide the decision process, provide recommendations for museum management for next 10 years and will also including a proposed governance system.

The administration is currently recruiting working group members to assist in the project. A. Shaker and G. Rousselle showed interest in aiding.

### **6.5 Building condition assessment and rationalization study**

The administration completed a building condition assessment and is currently undertaking the rationalization study. Findings will be shared with the committee once completed.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 8:50.

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XXXXXXXX, Chairperson;  
XXXXXXXX, Secretary