

Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes (revised)

March 13, 2025

10:00 – 11:30 am

Via Zoom

Members present: Bob Robertson (10:20), Hope Bergeron, Lorraine Gordon, Rae Deschamps (Chair), Selena Forsyth (Vice Chair), Stephanie Ash, Mike Gibson, John Logel (County Councillor), Andrea Nicholson (staff liaison)

Regrets: Christine Bayer, Mike Gibson

Quorum was confirmed and the meeting called to order at 10:02 am.

1. Approval of meeting notes from February 13, 2025

Moved by John, seconded by Selena that the meeting notes from February 13, 2025, be approved. **Carried.**

2. Action items and follow-up from February 13, 2025

There were no action items.

3. New Business

i National Access Ability Week (May 25 – 31, 2025)

Andrea reported the following:

- Communications is working on the awareness campaign scenarios and graphics.
- The theme “Challenge Your Perspective: Rethinking Accessibility” is too large to fit on the chaser sign. The Committee supported using “Challenge your perspective of disability” on the sign.

ii Helping Hands Award Nominations

The Committee reviewed the 3 nominations for the Helping hands Award.

Moved by John ,seconded by Selena that the NAAC present the 2025 Helping Hands Award to all 3 nominees.

The Helping Hands Award Presentation will take place during the first 30 minutes of the Committee's April 10 meeting.

Selena, Lorraine and Bob will read the nominations. Rae will act as backup. John will say a few words on behalf of Council.

Action item 1: Andrea will invite all nominees, nominators and supervisors of nominees to the April 10 NAAC meeting.

The committee asked questions about the Community Paramedicine program.

Action item 2: Andrea will request that someone from the Community Paramedicine Program provide a short presentation to the NAAC at an upcoming meeting.

iii Accessibility Policy Review

Andrea reviewed the proposed changes to the HR 4.1.5. Accessibility policy.

Moved by Selena seconded by Lorraine that the NAAC support the updated HR 4.1.5 Accessibility policy as outlined and discussed.

Carried.

iv Meeting format (Stephanie)

Stephanie requested consideration for increasing in person NAAC meetings. The committee discussed several options.

Moved by Selena, seconded by Lorraine, that beginning in 2026 the Committee have 3 in-person meetings a year: April (to present Helping Hands Award), June and October. **Carried**

Andrea confirmed the following in-person meetings for 2025

- June 12, 2025
- October 9, 2025

v Accessibility Coordinators Update (Andrea)

No additional items to report.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was terminated at 10:52am

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025 at 10:00am via ZOOM. This meeting will start with the Helping Hands Award