

Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee (Ad hoc) Minutes

April 16, 2026

10:00 – 11:00 am

In person at 555 Courthouse Road, Council Chambers

Members present: Hope Bergeron, Lorraine Gordon, Mike Gibson, Rae Deschamps (Chair), Stephanie Ash, Andrea Nicholson (staff liaison)

Regrets: Bob Robertson, Christine Bayer, Selena Forsyth (Vice Chair) John Logel (County Councillor)

Guests: Hits Chodha (Associate Director Information Technology), Michael Watt (Supervisor, Information Technology Client Services), Chris Deschamps

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

1. Demonstration of assistive listening systems in Council Chambers

Michael provided an overview and demonstration of the Infra-red (IR) assistive listening technology in Council Chambers. Committee members tested the IR receivers with earpieces. Andrea tested the IR receiver with hearing loop. The committee provide feedback on the type of earpieces, instructions to provide users and survey questions that will be used when the system is launched for the public. The committee suggested asking survey questions related to physical comfort of the devices and ease of use.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was terminated at 11:55am

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2026 (via zoom)