



Committee Matters from the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**Clerk's Note:** The Accessibility Advisory Committee approved the following items during the Meeting held on August 3, 2021. The following Reports attached form part of the corresponding Minutes.

Resolution(s):

1. Round Table Discussion regarding Communication Boards

Moved By: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo  
Seconded By: Cynthia Butcher

That the discussion regarding a Communication Board be received; and that the Committee review options, present those options to the Chair to review at the next meeting.

**Carried.**



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

August 3, 2021  
4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Held Virtually

Members of Committee Present: Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo, Keren Escobar, Michael Gerard, Jason Thibodeau, Cynthia Butcher

Members of Committee Absent: Councillor Mark Carrick

Administration Present: L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, R. Tufts, Council Coordinator

**A. Call to Order**

Councillor Desjarlais calls the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**B. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None disclosed.

**C. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved By: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo  
Seconded By: Cynthia Butcher

That the minutes of the meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated June 1, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**D. Reports / Correspondence for Committee Action**

Delegates: Mileva Vuletic, and Toni Southern from John McGivney Children's Centre appear before the Committee to discuss and answer questions regarding the creation of a communication board for the Town of LaSalle.

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Moved By: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo  
Seconded By: Cynthia Butcher

That the discussion regarding a Communication Board be received; and that the Committee review options, present those options to the Chair to review at the next meeting.

**Carried.**

**E. Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held at the call of the Chair on September 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

**F. Adjournment**

The Meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:36 p.m.

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Chair

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Council Co-ordinator

## Rosa Tufts

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**From:** Mileva Vuletic <Mileva.Vuletic@jmccentre.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Tom Coke  
**Subject:** FW: core boards  
**Attachments:** Core for playground.png

Hi Tom

It was nice meeting the members of your accessibility committee, and great to see their enthusiasm for implementing communication boards in your town parks.

Toni Southern has developed a communication board for consideration – Please see her write up below:

Here is the draft of the board we are proposing – these symbols are currently used for many different communication apps, they are called SymbolStix. As with learning anything new – the person does not know what the symbols stand for until they see them “modelled” or used by others as they communicate with them. The symbols are mainly action words and describing words – for example go, look, play, turn, stop and in, out, up, down, fun, hungry. There are a few “things” on the board – but if the exact word wasn’t there the person could describe it – for example a turn about – the person could say “go turn” or for a teeter totter – go up down. Not every word needs to be on – so bad is not there – but the person could point to “not + good”. The words included can be used to have a little conversation. Directions for using the board would be included either on the back or along the bottom.

Instructions for using this board:

Please use this board to point to one-two pictures as you say the words. This is the way children and others who have difficulty with reading or language will learn how to communicate with pictures. You can also give choices by pointing to 2 pictures and waiting for the person to give their choice – if they don’t take a turn at first, don’t worry, just continue to point to pictures on the board and do what it says. If there is a word that you want to use that isn’t there – it’s okay to give the choices by speech or pointing.

Examples:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Say</u>	<u>Do</u>
Go	Go play	Go to the equipment
Like	I like it.	Smile and point to what you like
Up	Go up the ladder	Go over to the ladder and go up
Not	I don’t want it	Shake your head and point to what you don’t want to do
Fun	We had fun!	Smile and look at the equipment
Home	Time to go home	Get everything ready to go home

Choices

<u>Point</u>		
Up – down	Should we climb up or go down?	Wait for the person to take a turn – if they don’t – you
make the choice.		
Like-not	Did you like that or not?	Wait – if they don’t answer – you answer.
More-stop	Should we do more swing or stop?	Wait – you take the turn answering.

And remember the person does not have to point to the pictures, don’t make them do it– HAVE FUN!

For more information on communicating with pictures contact your local Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic or a Speech and Language Pathologist in the community.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions



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**Subject:** core boards

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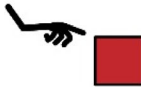



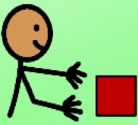
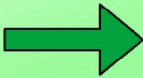



















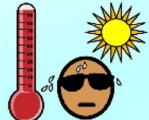




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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." — Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

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