

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, April 25th, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Committee Room, District Hall

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Present:

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Vice-Chair)
Tom Crawford
Tracey Moropito
Riva Nelson

Regrets:

Ashley Swartz
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Bill Soprovich, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

Nicole Foth, Staff Liaison, DNV
Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, CNV
Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY Kamelia and seconded by Alexis
To approve the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the March 28, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY Kamelia and seconded by Tracey
To approve the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Harry Jerome (Status of Project Timeline)

No updated was provided.

4.2. Park Audit

As background, at the March meeting, the Committee was requested to consider a DNV park for this year's park audit; three parks were suggested: Lynn Canyon Park, Panorama and Deep Cove Parks, and Cates Park / Whey-ah-wichen, as they are some of the busiest DNV parks. The Committee had requested some further consultation with the Parks staff on whether there were plans for upgrading these parks. On discussion, members indicated that for this year the park audit take place at Lynn Canyon Park, specifically the Ecological Centre, the bridge, and parking lot. The park audit will be in July.

A suggestion was presented on the possibility of doing more park audits than one per year. It was noted that for this year, the Committee will be reviewing three parks, one during the park audit in July, and two through subcommittee review.

5. Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports were presented as the subcommittees did not meet in April.

6. New Business

6.1 Public Bathrooms Position Paper

Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, provided a preliminary presentation on public bathrooms. Some of the key highlights of the presentation were as follows:

- Objective - Identify key additions beyond the BC Building Code that would improve bathrooms for people with disabilities.
- Resources:
 - BC Building Code 2014
 - Staff experts
 - Best practices
- Process:
 - Identify key issues
 - Familiarize ourselves with the BC Building Code
 - Determine where the BC Building Code does not meet the needs of people with disabilities
 - Search for and document good/bad examples
 - Review and come to consensus on adjustments and added features

- Create Position Paper
- Present to NS Staff

6.2 Access Awareness Event

Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, provided a presentation on the 2019 Access Awareness Event which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 13th. Some of the key highlights of the presentation were as follows:

- Objective - North Shore Engineering and Planning Staff experience the City's infrastructure from the perspective of a person with physical disabilities
- Team up Staff and ACDI members
- Take a tour of infrastructure commonly encountered in the public realm
- Debrief/reflect on the experience
- 30min – Welcome, introductions and briefing
- 15min – Setting people up with their device and how to use them
- 1.5 hrs – Infrastructure Tour
- 30min – Debrief – how did it feel using the sidewalk, crosswalks, letdowns etc.
- 15min – Concluding remarks – application of knowledge

7. Other Business and Correspondence

A concern was raised that the Accessibility Issues in Front of Council agenda item was not included in this month's agenda. Members were reminded that a new process was previously implemented in that the Council Monitors (Tracey Moropito – DNV, Alexis Chicoine – CNV and Kamelia Abadi – DWV) will provide the notes with the agenda package, and staff will review and gather further information, if required, and respond at the meeting to items that may need follow up. In going forward, the Accessibility Issues in Front of Council agenda item will be put under item #7 Other Business and Correspondence.

For this meeting, the following reports were presented.

City of North Vancouver

- The City of North Vancouver April Council update was provided, but no issues in

the report were raised related to accessibility issues.

- The Committee was informed that currently there is no lighting on pathways in the Grande Boulevard area, and this will be going to public consultation and also include ACDI in late May/early June.

District of North Vancouver

- Council is reviewing the OCP, including development of white papers.

District of West Vancouver

- Capital funding was approved for 2019, which includes some funding towards the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan (which the ACDI provided additional feedback on during last year's park audit), accessibility improvements to the Juniper Loop trail at Lighthouse Park and the consideration for some projects that, if they move forward, will be reviewed by the ACDI including renovations to the Ferry Building and the Navy Jack Nature House.
- B-Line bus service: Council voted to stop B-Line Service at Park Royal, but will continue investigation the potential for adding the service through our Town Centres.
- 2195 Gordon, proposed housing project on District owned-land, which will come to the ACDI for comment and review likely following the outcome of the meeting on April 29.
- ACDI 2018 annual report and 2019 work plan are on the agenda for April 29.

The Committee was informed that Maplewood Flats is interested in doing interpretive signage and member

Action: Nicole Foth will send an email to the Committee for resources.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 30, 2019

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.