

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, February 27, 2020 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Committee Room, District Hall

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Presents:

Amy Amantea
Kamelia Abadi
Alexis Chicoine

Regrets:

Louisa Bridgman
Riva Nelson
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

Steve MacIntyre, Staff Liaison, DNV
Edison Ting, Staff Liaison, CNV
Maeve, Bermingham, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the January 30, 2020 Minutes

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Presentation – Ride Hailing

Justin Hall provided a presentation on Managing Ride-hailing on the North Shore. Some of the key highlights were as follows:

- Transportation, Bylaws, and Legal staff are working together with the North Shore municipalities to ensure an efficient system to support and manage ride-hailing, within the limits to municipal authority the province has set out.
- Under the new legislation and regulations, the Province introduced new terminology to describe the types of business that fall under the umbrella term “passenger directed vehicles”, or PDVs. Under this framework, ride-hailing exists as a type of passenger directed vehicle much like taxis and limousines, and the companies delivering ride-hailing are known as transportation network services.

- Proposed North Shore Framework
 - Key Principals
 - Enhance mobility options
 - Build foundation for future policy
 - Consistency across boundaries
 - Work within organizational capacity
 - Communicate with transparent approach
 - Objectives to Meet
 - Minimize congestion
 - Maintain affordability for passengers & companies
 - Minimize burden to municipal resources
 - Increase accessibility
 - Maximize safety
 - Reduce GHG emissions within the limitations set by the province

- Proposed Street & Curb Management Actions
 - Create consistent loading zone definitions for North Shore municipalities
 - Create geofenced areas to restrict access or designate reserved loading zones + work with companies to implement
 - CNV and DNV will create a new Congestion and Curbside Management Permit with pick-up & drop-off charges during peak times that are discounted for ZEV & waived for accessible vehicles
 - Use revenues to fund transportation investments like active and accessible transportation
 - Execute actions after receiving & analyzing data to demonstrate need

- Next Steps
 - Bring bylaw changes to Council in March 2020
 - Develop success metrics and key performance indicators
 - Monitor ride-hailing data to optimize road space allocation and address impacts to vulnerable groups

ORIENTATION

5. Getting to Know Us (2-3 minutes each around the table)

Members introduced themselves to the Committee and provided a brief personal biography.

6. Role of ACDI in the Municipal World

Members were provided with a PowerPoint presentation on information relating to all aspects of the Committee.

6.1. History

A brief history was provided on the origins of ACDI, as well as on the founding member of the Committee, DNV Mayor Baker

6.2. Introduction to the Committee (Terms of Reference)

The Committee's Terms of Reference were reviewed, and no issues were raised.

6.3. Relationships with Council, Staff, Clerk

An overview was provided on the relationship and responsibilities between Committee members and Council members, staff liaisons and Committee's Clerk.

6.4. 2020 Work Plan

The 2020 work plan was presented with the following key items:

Focus on Position Papers

- Letdowns & Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSI)
- Accessible public bathrooms
- Audible pedestrian signals
- Universally accessible bus stops
- Public realm treatments
- Placement of public art

Review major projects for each municipality:

- Community Wayfinding Plan, Streetscape Plans & Guidelines (DWV)
- Mobility Strategy, Wayfinding, Esplanade Complete Streets (CNV)
- Delbrook Lands, detailed design review of Parks projects (DNV)

Events & outreach:

- "Lunch & Learn" presentations to municipal staff
- Access Awareness event (June 2020)

6.5. Park Audit

For 2020, the park audit will be on Thursday, July 30th during the regular Thursday meeting slot. The City of North Vancouver will be hosting the audit at Waterfront Front. Members requested that some other park locations also be considered and this item will be brought to the March meeting.

6.6. Guest Speakers

Members were requested to bring some ideas to the March meeting on possible guest speakers/presentations. To date, there have been the following presentations:

January – Translink

February - Ridehailing

6.7. Project Referrals and Subcommittees

Subcommittees review projects and provide recommendations or works on special projects. An overview was provided of the roles and responsibilities of the various ACDI subcommittees, as well as the proposed meeting times and dates. It was noted that as the membership is currently low, all members of the Committee will be invited to all subcommittee meetings.

Development & Inclusion – First Thursday
Park & Recreation Accessibility & Audit – Second Thursday
Transportation & Mobility – Third Thursday
Access Awareness & Events – As required
Publications – As required
Recruitment – As required

REGULAR MEETING

7. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

8. Subcommittee Reports

8.1. Transportation & Mobility (Maeve)

- Horseshoe Bay Streetscape

Members reviewed the Horseshoe Bay Streetscape report as prepared by the Transportation & Mobility subcommittee, and no issues were raised during the review.

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Alexis Chicoine

ACDI is pleased to have consulted on the Horseshoe Bay Streetscape for a second time. The use of concrete for the sidewalk is an exciting use of universal design that will benefit all. There is concern on the removal of a key design feature, the full curb separating the bike lane from the sidewalk, which would have provided safety for all pedestrians. The Committee urges the project proponents to adopt the recommendations listed above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project. The ACDI requests a response/update regarding the recommendations within 60 days.

CARRIED

9.2. Park & Recreation (Edison)

- Greenwood Park Redesign
This item was deferred until the report is prepared.

9. New Business

9.1. Site Visit for APS System /R2 RapidBus Bus Stop/Ride Tour

Members were requested to indicate if there was interest on a site visit for the Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) at Bewicke Avenue & W. Keith Road, as well as an opportunity to take use of the R2 RapidBus. Launch date is tentatively scheduled for April 6th.

10. Other Business and Correspondence

10.1. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- **District of North Vancouver**

The following items were discussed:

- Proposed grant applications taken before Council.
- Lynn Valley Road project
- Lynn Canyon Park public involvement plan will be available for public review.
- Separated bike lanes on 29th and how design will affect on upper portion of Lynn Valley Road.

Action: Steve MacIntyre to provide information on design.

- **City of North Vancouver**

No items were raised.

- **District of West Vancouver**

Members discussed previous issues in accessing the grass area during West Vancouver Days. During the discussion, members were requested to consider whether it may be timely to do a position paper on outdoor event accessibility, or perhaps prepare a checklist.

10.2 Recruitment

There was a discussion with respect to two potential new committee members, and the continuing efforts in recruiting new members. Typically, once a new application is received, the respective staff liaison will reach out to the perspective member for a formal introduction and to provide information on the Committee, highlighting the Committee's work and providing an orientation package. Perspective new members are also provided with an opportunity to speak with current members as well as invited to attend a meeting to see how business is conducted. If they are still keen, the application moves forward to Council for approval.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th, 2020.