

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, March 25, 2021 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine
Shayne De Wildt

Pam Horton
David Parke
Heidi Scoten
Riva Nelson

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Regrets:

Juan Palacio
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

Arielle Dalley, Staff Liaison, DNV
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Riva Nelson
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the February 25, 2021 Minutes

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by David Parke
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

No business arising was presented.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- 5.1 Parks and Recreation Subcommittee (Christel)
- Harry Jerome Recreation Centre

Members reviewed and discussed the Harry Jerome Recreation Centre report as prepared by the Parks and Recreation subcommittee.

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Riva Nelson

The inclusive features already in play in the concept design of the Harry Jerome Community Rec Center (HJCRC) and the mindset of the development team that accessibility for people with disabilities can be achieved throughout the project is greatly encouraging. The ACDI supports the redesign concept of the HJCRC, as presented at the March 18, 2021 meeting, with the understanding that prior to it being at a final detail design stage the project returns to be reviewed by the ACDI in 2021.

CARRIED

6. New Business

No new business was presented.

7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- **District of North Vancouver**

As a follow up to a question raised at the February meeting with respect to the supportive housing project on West 16th, information was provided that 5% of the units will be fully accessible to wheelchairs and will follow the enhanced design criteria. A public hearing on the project will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 pm.

Action: Staff will forward the information to the Committee by email.

A question was raised around the new community centre off Fullerton and whether there has been a review of the accessibility needs for the community centre. Information was provided that the project was previously brought to a subcommittee of the ACDI.

A report will be going to Council with respect to the creation of new committee on climate action.

A further report will be going to Council around changing the terms of reference to allow virtual participation in committees to carry on after the pandemic. Most of the committees have been meeting virtually and this is providing an easy way to access meetings rather than coming to the Hall.

- **City of North Vancouver**

The street area in the City is being utilized for the walking safe and making it easy to maneuver in the City.

March 6 and March 21 are being declared to recognize people with Downs Syndrome.

There is a public hearing for the 63 Mahon Avenue public school project.

Open Streets subcommittee review will take place on April 8th and information will be provided to members prior to the meeting.

The Esplanade project will also be returning to the ACDI for review.

The City Parks Department are looking at improving the playground at St. Georges and 11th and whether ACDI would be interested in doing a small park audit at the end of April. Concern was raised around the comfort level around meeting in person at the park, and it was suggested whether this could be done by reviewing the plans instead of visiting the park, or that members could visit the park independently.

- **District of West Vancouver**

Welch Street Bridge widening project has started and have established with fencing accessibility for everyone but passageway for pedestrians is too narrow for everyone using the same area.

The Navy Jack House is being revamped and that this project should be brought to ACDI for review around accessibility.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 29, 2021