

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, April 29, 2021 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Kamelia Abadi
Alexis Chicoine
Pam Horton
David Parke
Heidi Scoten
Riva Nelson

Guest:

Alfiya Battalova

Regrets:

Louisa Bridgman
Shayne De Wildt
Juan Palacio
Cllr Don Bell, CNV
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

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

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Members of the public were welcomed and reminded that they would not have speaking or voting rights.

Alfiya Battalova, research student, was also introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Alexis Chicoine
To adopt the March 25, 2021 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

No business arising matters were presented.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Development and Inclusion Subcommittee

- Ferry Building Report

Members reviewed and discussed the Ferry Building report as prepared by the Development and Inclusion subcommittee.

MOVED BY Riva Nelson and seconded by David Parke

ACDI recognizes the limitations associated with heritage revitalization as it relates to advancing universal accessibility as many historical buildings were built prior to advances in accessible technology, the constraints associated in protecting heritage, and architectural integrity can cause constraints on universal design. The ACDI recognizes that the project does provide accessible design where possible by way of an accessible route from a sidewalk and public street to the entrance of the Ferry Building, as well as the addition of accessible washrooms. Further, ACDI would like to meet with the proponents again to provide detailed feedback on the washrooms. The ACDI anticipates hearing back on the recommendations in this report and a potential future meeting within 90 days.

CARRIED

5.2 Development and Inclusion Subcommittee

- 2204 Bellevue Report

Members reviewed and discussed the 2204 Bellevue report as prepared by the Development and Inclusion subcommittee. Clarification was provided that the project still has to go to Council for first reading, and if approved, to a public hearing and some opposition has already been noted by the community.

MOVED BY David Parke and seconded by Alexis Chicoine

Aging and the development of mobility, hearing and vision changes are aspects of the human experience that cannot be changed. Understanding this and building for it now should be a consideration of all developers. The inclusive features already in play in the concept design of the building at Bellevue and 22nd in West Vancouver and the mindset of the development team that aging in place should be a leading directive of their design is greatly appreciated by the ACDI. The committee members heartily support the design concept of the complex, as presented at the April 15, 2021 meeting. The ACDI looks forward to a follow-up subcommittee meeting when the project is at the design phase.

CARRIED

5.3 Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee

- **Esplanade Complete Street Report**
Members reviewed and discussed the Esplanade Complete Street report as prepared by the Transportation and Mobility subcommittee. During the review, an issue was raised that there is a tactile paver in the letdowns, and this may need a further look at in terms of how it is marked.

Action: As this is a new design, ACDI should respond early on the project and this be brought to a further subcommittee meeting.

A further concern was raised around the height of the planters and whether there are any guidelines for standards.

Action: David Parke will explore if there are any height standards.

MOVED BY David Parke and seconded by Riva Nelson

The ACDI is pleased to have been asked to consult on the accessibility of the Esplanade Complete Streets project of the CNV. The recognition that the speed of traffic in this area needs to be decreased to create a safer realm for all is greatly appreciated. The Committee urges the project proponents to adopt the recommendations listed above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project, prior to advancing the plan to the CNV council. The ACDI requests a response/update regarding the recommendations that were and were not able to be incorporated within 60 days.

CARRIED

6. New Business

No new business was presented.

7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- **District of North Vancouver**

Work is underway with Translink to have bus bump outs in key spots on Delbrook.

Council approved second and third reading of the West 16th project for a 60 unit women led household low-income facility, consisting of 40 single room and 20 family sized units a few blocks away from Norgate School.

There are some key developments coming back to Council over the next few weeks, including the 904 Lytton project and the 220 Mountain Highway project, which have a significant amount of social housing and rental housing.

The District has launched public engagement for the Targeted Official Community Plan Review looking at areas including housing, transportation, climate and the economy and members were encouraged to participate.

Action: Staff to follow up during a subcommittee meeting to visit the Lynn Valley project in terms of accessibility.

- **City of North Vancouver**

A project is underway to create healthy streets that work for everyone. This new strategy will be a playbook to guide how the City plans and make decisions about transportation and mobility network for years to come. The deadline for feedback is Friday, April 30.

There is an opportunity for public input for the Harry Jerome Recreation Centre.

Funding was endorsed for upgrades to the North Shore Emergency Operations Centre Technical Upgrades.

At a recent Council meeting, a presentation was provided regarding the North Shore Neighbourhood House Site Redevelopment.

- **District of West Vancouver**

Suggestions to the Welch Street Bridge improvements around widening up the street level streetway were implemented.

Information was requested with respect to Council approval to submit a joint North Shore grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Strengthening Communities' Services Program. The joint application would allow the three North Shore municipalities, in partnership with the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and local not-for-profit service providers, to improve the health and safety of unsheltered homeless people, and address related urgent community impacts.

Action: Staff will look further into the grant and bring back information.

As a follow up to the Navy Jack House discussion from the April meeting, members were informed that at this point, the project is in the very early stages and would not be coming forward to ACDI yet.

The District is working on the 2195 Gordon project and will be for housing for local workforce and below market rental, as well as some condominiums. This project will be for over approximately 200 units.

The Inglewood Care Centre proposal is for a project for almost 700 units, with 200 units for long-term care and the rest of the housing will be assisted and independent living and workforce housing.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2021