
NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Jennifer Branston
Alexis Chicoine
Michelle Katerberg
Pam Horton
Loreigh Mitges
David Parke
Nancie Parker

Regrets:

Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Shayne De Wildt
Carol Lenard
Cllr Marcus Wong, DWV

Guest:

Blair Underhill

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Staff Liaisons:

Dheeraj Alamchandani, Staff Liaison, DNV
Kyle Dupuis, 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 5:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

On review of the agenda, the following issues were raised:

- Letter regarding the District of West Vancouver Event - the document was prepared and being reviewed and this item will be brought to the May meeting.
- A request was made to defer the subcommittee reports, items #8.1, #8.2 and #8.3, as the agenda package was sent out after the distribution deadline, and members may not have had sufficient time to review the reports. DNV staff indicated that there was no urgency for the LVTC – LCTC Cycling Route report, and accordingly item #8.2 was moved to the May meeting.

- In terms of item #8.1 - Clyde Avenue, Micro-units and item #8.3 - Dunderave Mixed Use Building reports, members were informed that time would be made available during the meeting to fully review and consider the two reports. In this regard, members were requested to indicate whether was comfort in proceeding with the review, and as no objections were noted, the two items remained on the agenda.

MOVED by Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Jennifer Branston
To adopt the amended agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the March 31, 2022 Minutes

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Jennifer Branston
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Presentation - Street Typologies in the new CNV Mobility Strategy

Blair Underhill provided a presentation on the Street Typologies in the new CNV Mobility Strategy. The presenter noted that in terms of ACDI involvement, there will be value with working closely with the ACDI to ensure there is consideration on placement of specific amenities such as benches. As well within the street types, there is an opportunity for engagement around the availability of accessible parking spaces.

5. Work Plan

Staff reported that although the work plan was completed, the document was inadvertently missed from the agenda package and will be brought to the May meeting. During the discussion, it was suggested that the document be forwarded to the Vice Chair for review prior to the May meeting.

6. Terms of Reference

A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to review the Committee's terms of reference.

7. Streamline Sub-Committee Reports

Maeve Bermingham provided a brief summary of the feedback received from the members regarding suggestions for streamlining the subcommittee reports.

On discussion, the following further suggestions were provided:

- Information was provided that the District of North Vancouver will ensure that the preferred platform for meetings can be supported.

- In terms of timelines and streamlining for the subcommittee reports, and in order to reduce workload for members, staff will endeavour not to schedule subcommittee meetings every week and will continue to review the report format.
- A question was raised on whether there was a way to alleviate staff from being note takers at the subcommittee meetings. Information was presented that presenters be requested to complete the introduction portion with what they will present and how it relates to accessibility.
- Members commit to attending at least two subcommittee meetings per month. In addition, new members joining the Committee should be informed that ACDI is a working Committee and as such, expectations are that report writing and attending subcommittee meetings are part of membership.
- A suggestion was presented that a list be generated of prior subcommittee recommendations.
Action: Copies of the subcommittee reports will be sent to Michelle and Alexis to commence work.
- A further suggestion was presented that municipalities be requested to provide a follow up with respect to whether or not subcommittee recommendations were implemented.
- Meeting platform and information to be discussed at a subcommittee meeting.

8. Subcommittee Reports

8.1. Clyde Avenue, Micro-units

Members reviewed and discussed the Clyde Avenue, Micro-units report as prepared by the subcommittee.

MOVED by Nancie Parker and seconded by Loreigh Mitges

The ACDI appreciates the opportunity to consult on the Clyde Ave micro-units in the District of West Vancouver. The committee appreciates the multiple amenity spaces included in the design, which will allow tenants to expand their living and play space beyond their apartments. The features of accessibility already incorporated into the design are excellent. The added features the committee are recommending in this report will increase the inclusivity of the whole project, as well as enhance usage by all. Please report to the ACDI within 30 days on which recommendations were and were not able to be included and why.

CARRIED
1 Abstention

8.2. LVTC – LCTC Cycling Route

This item was moved to the May meeting.

8.3. Dundarave Mixed Use Building

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Alexis Chicoine

The ACDI is pleased to have had an opportunity to review the residential design and is appreciative of the inclusion of the adaptable and accessible units proposed at 2452-2490 Marine Drive, West Vancouver. The committee also appreciates that the project design includes universal design principles overall, including in the outdoors, amenities, and shared spaces. To note, there was no accessible review of the commercial areas proposed for the main floor of the mixed-use development. The committee is hopeful that the project proponents will adopt the recommendations for the overall project. The ACDI requests an update regarding which recommendations were and were not able to be incorporated in 60 days.

CARRIED

8.4. Lions Gate Community Centre Recreation Centre – Site Tour

Members were thanked for attending the recent Lions Gate Community Centre Recreation site tour. Some of the simple feedback provided by the members was incorporated and other feedback will be part of the knowledge base as more recreation centres are designed.

9. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver
No time sensitive items were noted.
- City of North Vancouver
There are some upcoming projects that ACDI will be involved.
- District of West Vancouver
In terms of the loose gravel in Ambleside, by the dog area, the Parks Department has indicated that at this time, there are no resources to place stamped concrete.

10. New Business

- Update from Jennifer Branston
This item was moved to the May meeting.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Loreigh Mitges
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

As this was the last meeting for Dheeraj Alamchandani, Staff Liaison, DNV, Dheeraj was acknowledged for his work and contributions to the Committee.

Date of Upcoming Meetings

- May 5 – Klee Wyck Park (DWV)
- May 19 – Main Street Cycling Link (DNV)
- May 26 – Month End Meeting