

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 5:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting (In-person and Virtual via MS Teams)

### MINUTES

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**Present:**

Jennifer Branston  
Louisa Bridgman  
Alexis Chicoine (Chair)  
Michelle Katerberg  
Pam Horton  
Loreigh Mitges  
David Parke (Vice-Chair)  
Cyndi Gerlach  
Marilynne Nowell

**Staff Liaisons:**

Kyle Dupuis, Staff Liaison, DNV  
Shahrzad Honarmand, Staff Liaison, DNV  
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV  
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk, DNV

**Council Liaisons:**

Cllr. Shervin Shahriari, CNV  
Cllr. Nora Gambioli, DWV

**Regrets:**

Nancie Parker  
Mayor Mike Little, DNV

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#### 1. Welcome & Roundtable of Introductions

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

#### 2. Elections

##### 2.1 Vote by voice, raised hand or anonymous

Staff provided a brief overview for the election process noting that members have the opportunity to cast their vote either by voice, raised hand or anonymously. Although a vote was not taken, the majority of committee members indicated that their preference was to vote by hand.

##### 2.2 Election of Chair

A call was made for nominations for the position of chair for a one-year term. Pam Horton nominated Alexis Chicoine and as no further nominations were received, Alexis Chicoine was acclaimed for the position of committee chair.

MOTION without objection

To elect Alexis Chicoine as Chair.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

### 2.3 Election of Vice Chair

A call was made for nominations for the position of vice-chair for a one-year term. Cyndi Gerlach, Jennifer Branston and David Parke were nominated; however, Jennifer Branston declined the nomination. By a show of hands, David Parke was elected as vice-chair of the committee.

### 2.4 Election of Executive

As per the Terms of Reference, the following five committee members were elected to serve on the Executive:

Alexis Chicoine (Chair)  
David Parke (Vice-Chair)  
Pam Horton  
Michelle Katerberg  
Cyndi Gerlach

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Branston and seconded by Pam Horton  
To adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

## 4. Adoption of the November 24, 2022, Minutes

A minor typographical edit was requested.

Moved by Jennifer Branston and seconded by Pam Horton  
To adopt the amended minutes.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Orientation

### 5.1 Committee History

Pam Horton provided a brief overview on the history of ACDI.

### 5.2 Presentation

Staff provided the 2023 orientation presentation which included information on the purpose of the committee, the terms of reference, accomplishments and

responsibilities. In terms of the committee structure, for this year the committee will aim to add at least one First Nation representative from either Musqueam First Nation, Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation. In addition, an overview was provided on the meeting format, roles and responsibilities of Councillors and staff liaisons as well as subcommittee meetings and report writing.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Discussion of Council Monitors**

The role of the council monitors is to review agendas/minutes for the three municipalities and bring items that may be related to accessibility issues back to the committee. In this regard, the following committee members volunteered to serve as council monitors:

- West Vancouver – Loreigh Mitges
- District of North Vancouver – Cyndi Gerlach
- City of North Vancouver – To be determined once members are appointed to the committee.

### **6.2 Confirm subcommittee meeting procedures**

This item will be brought to the February committee meeting for discussion once the City of North Vancouver new members are in place.

### **6.3 Alexis update on presentation to DWV Council**

Alexis Chicoine reported that she presented the committee's workplan to the District of West Vancouver Council as well as information around disability awareness. There was good engagement with Council in addition to discussion around the new *Accessibility Act* and the expectation for some progress by September 2023.

It was suggested that it may be beneficial for the presentation to be brought to the other municipalities.

A question was also raised on whether there was an opportunity as a committee to take a broader look at the societal impact, i.e., housing, social, actual issues that are impacting people with disabilities. Information was provided that the committee members can request to meet with staff working on particular issues, i.e. housing, child care, etc.

## **7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council**

- District of North Vancouver

Staff reported that the pilot project for pay parking was approved and infrastructure will be implemented at some of the North Shore parks. In this regard, a concern was raised that pay parking at the parks will create barriers, and staff indicated that the project was at the planning phase and there was still an opportunity for feedback.

- City of North Vancouver

At last week's Council meeting there was a presentation from staff on the mobility strategy, as well as a community delegation for the St. Andrews bike lane. It was noted there will be an opportunity for consultation for the St. Andrews bike lane.

A committee member reported that on Esplanade every cross walk has tactile strips placed on the curb cut instead of the cut lines. In this regard, it was suggested that the committee prepare correspondence to the project manager with their concerns.

- District of West Vancouver

The micro studios project passed first reading and will go to a public hearing on March 6.

Committee members were invited to provide input on the budget process.

As the committee previously provided feedback on the ferry building, information was requested around the yellow strips at the front of the building. In this regard, Alexis Chicoine provided information that the colour yellow is the universal colour that is most visible for individuals who have low vision.

A new event has been instituted at the beginning of each Council meeting wherein the legislative staff request for attendees to "all rise". This item will be brought to the February meeting for discussion.

Committee members were invited to provided feedback on the new features of the West Vancouver website.

## **8. Any Other Business**

The following items were discussed:

- A concern was raised that the wording in item #7 in the memo for the Liveable Deep Cove project may be insensitive.
- The committee has been requested to provide feedback on the signage for Lighthouse Park and Bird Song path.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.