

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

### MINUTES

#### Members:

Jennifer Branston  
Louisa Bridgman  
Alexis Chicoine  
Michelle Katerberg  
Pam Horton  
David Parke  
Nancie Parker  
Cyndi Gerlach  
Vanessa Mendoza

#### Staff Liaisons:

Shahrzad Honarmand, Staff Liaison, DNV  
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk, DNV

#### Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV  
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

#### Regrets:

Loreigh Mitges  
Marilynne Nowell  
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV  
Cllr Shervin Shahriari, CNV

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#### 1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by David Parke and seconded by Jennifer Branston  
To adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of the January 26, 2023 Minutes

The minutes were amended in section 2.4 to indicate that the Executive were elected.

Moved by Cyndi Gerlach and seconded by Louisa Bridgman  
To adopt the amended minutes.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Business Arising**

##### 4.1. Inclusive Language Letter

At the January meeting, an issue was raised around the language contained in the Liveable Deep Cove project response memorandum. As such, members were tasked with preparing a letter with recommendations on how to incorporate inclusive language. On review and discussion of the document, some typographical errors were noted, and a suggestion presented to remove the information links at the end of the document.

Moved by Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Jennifer Branston

The inclusive language letter, as edited, be distributed to the three municipalities.

**CARRIED**

##### 4.2. Discussion of Council Monitors – City of North Vancouver

This item will be brought to the March meeting once the new representatives from the City of North Vancouver are in place.

##### 4.3. The workplan and budget were presented for information.

##### 4.4. Subcommittee Meeting Procedures

In moving forward, committee members indicated that the month end meetings will be held in a hybrid format, and subcommittee meetings will be virtual.

Moved by Pam Horton and seconded by Nancie Parker

Subcommittee meetings will be held in a virtual format.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. New Business**

##### 5.1 Potential Speakers / Presentations

Committee members were requested to provide ideas with respect to potential speakers/presentations for this year, and the following comments were provided:

- Justin Hall (previous City of North Vancouver staff liaison on ACDI), as well as all municipality staff who represents street plans for bike lanes.

- Inclusion BC to speak on their work with regard to individuals with intellectual disabilities particularly around housing, etc.
- HUB Cycling for information in terms of continuity across municipalities.

During a broader discussion, a concern was raised that at times, there may be a breakdown between the recommendations provided by ACDI and the contractor who implements the final work and whether it may be beneficial to have a checklist to ensure that the recommendations are followed through until the moment when the “concrete is drying”.

## 5.2 Feedback on West Vancouver Website

Committee members were informed that Michelle Katerberg undertook a review, and provided feedback, on the new District of West Vancouver website, as well as suggested that ACDI undertake a more thorough review. In this regard, the Communications Department will be contacted on whether there was an opportunity for a review by ACDI. It was noted that the review of the website was brought forward more in the context of the *Accessibility Act* as the website will be one of the major forms of communication for all municipalities.

## 5.3 Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week will be held from May 28 to June 3, 2023, and ACDI will be hosting an event. Members discussed the format of previous events and some possible ideas for this year. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed for brainstorming ideas, and in this regard, the following members volunteered to serve on the Access Awareness Week subcommittee and begin work on brainstorming event ideas:

- Louisa Bridgman
- David Parke
- Pam Horton
- Cyndi Gerlach
- Jennifer Branston

Maggie Miranda, a member of the community had an opportunity to speak to the committee with respect to her work and advocacy around playgrounds and access for all.

## 6. Responses to ACDI Recommendations

### 6.1. Liveable Deep Cove

Committee members reviewed the project response to the ACDI recommendations for the Liveable Deep Cove project. As background, the response was reviewed at the January meeting; however, some insensitive wording was noted in the response and as such, the committee members were tasked with developing an inclusive language letter which will be distributed to the three municipalities.

On discussion, it was suggested that a further letter be prepared to the Member of Parliament around grants so that guidelines for grants consider accessible features of all kinds.

#### 6.2. Delbrook Lands Project

On review off the response, committee members noted that the roller slide recommendation was not incorporated by the project team.

A concern was also raised that there were no recommendations around inclusivity for people who are neuro-diverse. In addition, the proposed washrooms in the west park may exclude cross-gender support workers from utilizing the washrooms.

#### 6.3. Mainstreet Cycling Link

As the committee has indicated some concerns with the proposed Esplanade bike lanes, staff from the three municipalities who are involved with bike lane design will be invited to attend an ACDI committee meeting.

### 7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver

Work continues on the reconstruction at Phibbs Exchange, as well as discussions with TransLink with respect to the possibility of including public washrooms. In this regard, a suggestion was presented on whether a letter could be prepared from ACDI to TransLink to support washrooms particularly from an accessibility perspective.

**Action: Pam Horton and Cyndi Gerlach will prepare a preliminary draft.**

- City of North Vancouver

There are ongoing discussions around supportive housing and possibly creating supportive housing for individuals that require 24/7 support.

- District of West Vancouver

The micro studio units will be going to public hearing on March 6. The project is for approximately 200 studio units near Taylor Way and Marine Drive. The ACDI was involved in the accessibility features and adaptable units within this project.

The Horseshoe Bay park has been undergoing renovation and scheduled to open in April. The ACDI previously provided feedback on the plans for the park and committee members were invited to visit.

The District of West Vancouver has begun the process for the Ambleside local area plan and work is underway in coordinating engagement over the spring, and an further update will be provided either in March or April.

Committee members requested staff to look into whether there was a possibility of visiting Gateway.

**Action: Staff will provide an update at a future meeting.**

#### **8. Any Other Business**

No other business items were presented.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.