

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, November 30, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Present:

Jennifer Branston
Alexis Chicoine
Cyndi Gerlach
Pam Horton
Michelle Katerberg
Loreigh Mitges
Marilynne Nowell
David Parke
Nancie Parker
Robert Richard

Staff Liaisons:

Nick Giannone, Staff Liaison, DNV
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk, DNV

Council Liaisons:

Cllr. Shervin Shahriari, CNV

Regrets:

Louisa Bridgman
Vanessa Mendoza
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

1. Welcome

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

As this was the last meeting for Alexis Chicoine, she was acknowledged for her work and contributions on the committee.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Loreigh Mitges and seconded by Robert Richard
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the October 26, 2023 Minutes

- Some minor revisions were requested.
- City of North Vancouver staff were requested to provide the definitions around the well being strategy.

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Loreigh Mitges
To adopt the revised minutes.

CARRIED

4. Questions from the Public

A member of the public spoke on the following items:

- Information was requested on the resources/supports that are available by the three municipalities.
- In terms of the accessibility playground at Lions Gate community centre whether the municipalities can partner with school districts to support similar components at different parks/schools.
- Information was also requested on how the accessibility plan is being implemented in the three municipalities.

5. Business Arising

5.1. Community Safety Letter

Staff reported that Clerks have advised that if the committee has concluded that they wish certain information, they can request the information from staff. If the committee wishes to make a public health safety statement then Council representatives would advise on that matter and the message would be from the committee's chair. In this regard, it was suggested that it may be beneficial to address this issue when the individual who experienced the safety issue, and all three Council representatives, are in attendance at the meeting.

5.2. Recruitment

Two District of North Vancouver applications were reviewed to fill the West Vancouver vacancy. However, because the new legislation and accessibility plan were put in place, staff have been advised not to fill the West Vancouver vacancy with a North Vancouver member, and that moving forward there be an equal share of members on the committee from each of the three municipalities.

Information was also provided that committee applications remain open all year round and appointments are made at the end of the year. Committee vacancies can be filled at any time, as a running list of applicants is maintained.

5.3. Terms of Reference

With respect to Indigenous recruitment, the District of North Vancouver has signed a Relationship Protocol Agreement with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. At

the last joint working group meeting, the Tsleil-Waututh Nation were informed of the changes to the terms of reference.

5.4. Accessibility Plan Update

City of North Vancouver staff reported that the first stage was to adopt the well being strategy and moving forward was to prepare the “cheat” sheet. Staff will explore whether the feedback from the public engagement can be shared with the committee.

District of North Vancouver staff reported that at the October 16 Council meeting, the plan was approved, and staff directed to begin work on the implementation plan. A second contract has been finalized with Urban Matters to continue to support this work. Recently, there was a meeting with staff to review the draft feedback provided in the summer for the implementation plan, and it is anticipated that work will continue into the new year and documents brought to ACDI for consideration.

6. New Business

6.1. 2024 Committee Workplan

Each year a workplan and budget for the next year, and a summary of the past year’s work is prepared which goes to Council. Accordingly, committee members reviewed the proposed 2024 committee workplan. It was suggested to include a new section entitled “Topics from the committee members”. Some items to include in the new section could be accessible parking, dog parks, City of North Vancouver accessibility plan, accessible micro mobility options.

MOVED By Cyndi Gerlach and seconded by David Parke
To accept the 2024 committee workplan as revised.

CARRIED

6.2. Year End Event

Committee members were previously requested to indicate their availability and any dietary restrictions for the year end event, and also indicated that their preference was for an in-person event. In this regard, staff will review the availability spreadsheet and send a communication to the committee confirming the date and location of the event.

7. Reports

7.1. Ambleside Local Area Plan (DWV)

Committee members indicated that feedback was previously provided on the report, and that revisions were required and the reports will be distributed for review and approval by email.

7.2. West Vancouver Memorial Library Lift (DWV)

Committee members indicated that feedback was previously provided on the report. The report is set on universal design guidelines and revisions required, and the report will be distributed for review and approval by email.

7.3. Curb Access and Parking Plan (CNV)

This report will be brought to the January meeting.

8. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

• **District of North Vancouver**

A news story highlighting some of the Parks projects that have come to ACDI in recent years will be featured in the DNV website, as well as the District's accessibility plan.

• **City of North Vancouver**

At the recent Council meeting, there were high level discussions around possible zoning changes in the City. Council is connected with ACDI in terms of the workplan, and there was a discussion about the urban forests and trees and how to ensure the green canopy around the city is retained.

The proclamation for International Day of Persons with Disabilities was on December 3.

• **District of West Vancouver**

On November 20 there was a public hearing in connection with the 30 rental apartments on Ambleside and not being zoned as residential.

Michelle Katerberg has prepared a cheat sheet regarding IDPWD which was forwarded to staff to distribute to those members who wished to have a copy.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Date of Upcoming Meetings

- January 25, 2024 – Month End Meeting