

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

**Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams  
MINUTES**

### **Present:**

Amy Amantea (Chair)  
Kamelia Abadi  
Alexis Chicoine  
Shayne De Wildt  
Pam Horton  
Juan Palacio  
David Parke  
Heidi Scoten  
Riva Nelson

### **Regrets:**

Louisa Bridgman  
Mayor Mike Little, DNV

### **Guest:**

Alfiya Battalova  
Teri Thorson  
Rich Padulo

### **Council Liaisons:**

Cllr Don Bell, CNV  
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

### **Staff Liaisons:**

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

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#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Juan Palacio  
To adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. Adoption of the May 27, 2021 Minutes**

MOVED BY Juan Palacio and seconded by Alexis Chicoine  
To adopt the minutes.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Accessible Halloween Initiative Presentation**

Rich Padulo provided a presentation on “Treat Accessibly”. This is a new initiative that will allow Halloween to be accessible for kids and families with mobility, sensory or intellectual disabilities by eliminating stairs and taking the Trick-or-Treating experience to the driveway or garage. Treat Accessibly signage is placed on lawns in advance of Halloween to create

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awareness and support for accessibility on Halloween. Information was also provided that work is underway in sorting out a distribution partner for the signs in Western Canada.

In terms of reaching out to the municipalities, it was suggested that the presentation be provided to staff who will forward to the three Council liaisons on the Committee. As well, members requested that at some point, feedback be brought in terms of what may be possible for the North Shore municipalities.

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Juan Palacio

The North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues supports the Treat Accessibly movement and that the Committee requests the three Council liaisons bring this matter up with their Mayor and Council.

**CARRIED**

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Juniper Loop Picnic Benches Grant Application**

As background, a representative from the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society applied for a grant to the Prince George Foundation to complete work along the Juniper accessibility trail to provide two rest spots, one with a wheelchair accessible picnic table and the second with an accessible bench and to upgrade the pathway in-between the two rest stops, and ACDI was requested to indicate their support with a letter of support.

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by David Parke

That ACDI support the Lighthouse Parks Preservation Society grant application to the Prince George Community Foundation (by way of a “Letter of Support”), for funding to upgrade a portion of the Juniper Loop Accessibility Trail called Songbird Path. Upgrades will include the addition of two rest areas, one with a wheelchair accessible picnic table, and the second with an accessible bench, as well as upgrading the pathway in-between these two rest stops.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.2 July Meeting Date**

Normally the park audit takes place at the regularly scheduled meeting in July; however, because of the ongoing public health restrictions, it was suggested that for this year, the park audit be cancelled. The July date will remain scheduled for a regular meeting, but will be cancelled if there are not items that require approval by the Committee.

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

- District of North Vancouver

Staff reported that the items reported by the Mayor at the May meeting are still active and there was nothing new coming up on the Council agenda.

Staff are working on a legislatively mandated housing needs report and are at the point of key stakeholder engagement. Staff would like to engage ACDI to provide their perspective on key housing needs in the District and once potential dates are finalized, an invitation will be sent out to the Committee.

- City of North Vancouver

The City of North Vancouver recently allocated \$50,000 of Covid-19 funding for a dog strategy study on dog friendly parks.

- District of West Vancouver

West Vancouver will now allow alcohol consumption in Millennium Park.

A policy was approved to allow one cannabis store potentially in Horseshoe Bay, Ambleside, Dundarave, and in the general Park Royal area, but not more than four. Companies were requested to apply by the end of June and staff will create criteria and recommendations for Council's approval.

Members were requested that if they were in the Horseshoe Bay, Royal Avenue, area to provide some feedback in terms of people parallel parking and the sidewalk not having a curb and people putting their wheels on the bike lane.

The Arts Centre survey closed and work is underway in deciding a potential location.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 29, 2021 – 5:30 pm**