

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

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

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 Accessibility 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.

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