

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, March 28th, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Committee Room, District Hall

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Present

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Vice-Chair)
Tom Crawford
Tracey Moropito
Riva Nelson

Regrets:

Ashley Swartz
Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Bill Soprovich, DWV
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Staff Liaisons:

Nicole Foth, Staff Liaison, DNV
Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, CNV
Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A brief introduction will be provided for Item #6.1.

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Alexis Chicoine
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of February 28, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Tracey Moropito
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Harry Jerome (Status of Project Timeline) (Justin)

No report was provided; however, the project is on track to be brought to ACDI possibly in April or May.

4.2. Transportation Forum – Update

Riva Nelson and Kamelia Abadi provided a brief summary on the Transportation Forum that they recently attended with the highlight of the forum being the tour of the parkade and building and identifying some accessible issues. The Forum reinforced the importance of feedback and consultation at the beginning of designs.

4.3. Election of Executive and Monitors (Amy)

The following members will serve on the Executive:

Amy Amantea
Alexis Chicoine
Louisa Bridgman
Riva Nelson

The following members will serve as the Monitors:

Tracey Moropito – District of North Vancouver
Alexis Chicoine – City of North Vancouver
Kamelia Abadi (trial basis) – District of West Vancouver

The Monitors will be responsible for bringing forward items/topics from Council agendas/minutes that may relate or impact accessibility issues. Reports will be including in the meeting package and an explanation provided at the meeting. The new format will allow staff to prepare and provide information on a timely manner when questions are asked regarding the items.

4.4. Sub-Committees – Volunteers / Meeting Time and Locations

Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the various ACDI subcommittees, as well as the proposed meeting times and dates. The following members volunteered to serve on the subcommittees.

**Development & Inclusion – First Thursday; 3:00 – 4:30 pm;
Location – At the Municipality in which the project is based.**

This subcommittee will review private development projects in West Vancouver, and civic building project plans.

Amy Amantea
Alexis Chicoine
Riva Nelson
Louisa Bridgman
Kamelia Abadi

Park & Recreation Accessibility & Audit – Second Thursday; 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Location – At the Municipality in which the project is based.

This subcommittee will review Harry Jerome and other recreation facility plans, and park plans.

Amy Amantea
Louisa Bridgman
Tracey Moropito
Kamelia Abadai
Tom Crawford

Transportation & Mobility – Third Thursday; 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Location – At the Municipality in which the project is based.

This subcommittee will review street, intersection, streetscape, and transit projects.

Amy Amantea
Louisa Bridgman
Tracey Moropito
Kamelia Abadi
Tom Crawford

Access Awareness & Events – As required; time and location to be determined.

This subcommittee will be tasked with the Access Awareness Event, and the Christmas Party

Amy Amantea
Alexis Chicoine
Louisa Bridgman
Tracey Moropito
Kamelia Abadi

Recruitment – As required; time and location to be determined.

Members to be determined

Publications – As required; time and location to be determined.

Amy Amantea
Alexis Chicoine
Riva Nelson
Tracey Moropito

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Development and Inclusion: Amica Lions Gate (DWV)

Members reviewed and discussed the Amica Lions Gate Report as prepared by the Development and Inclusion subcommittee.

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Riva Nelson

ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the Amica Lions Gate Project and is encouraged by some of the accessible features included in the initial design and that the project focuses on creating much needed housing options in West Vancouver. The Committee urges the project proponents to adopt the recommendations above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project. The ACDI requests a response/update regarding the recommendations within 90 days.

6. New Business

6.1 Position Paper #2: Accessible Pedestrian Signals

Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison provided an update on the Committee position paper to date. Work is underway in updating the tactile paper and staff will be contacted for feedback on our position. Instead of Accessible Signals as the next position paper, staff suggest that the next topic is public bathrooms as the committee has previously expressed interest in this topic.

6.2 Park Audit

Nicole Foth, Staff Liaison provided some suggestions from the Parks Department for the upcoming park audit in the District of North Vancouver, which included Lynn Canyon Park, Panorama and Deep Cove Parks, and Cates Park / Whey-ah-wichen. On discussion, members suggested that prior to a decision being made on which park the Committee visit that further consultation with park staff be undertaken to determine if there are plans for upgrading other parks.

6.3 Terms of Reference discussion

As background, DNV staff was previously requested by the DNV Advisory Oversight Committee to look at the Committee's Terms of Reference in terms of the membership. On discussion, members indicated that previously, and as a result of unfortunate circumstances, the Committee membership was low. However, members indicated that to date there has been an influx of new members (currently 8 of 12 spaces filled), some new requests for potential members, along with continuous recruitment efforts by both members and staff. Members discussed how to recruit new members (sharing ACDI business cards). Members expressed concern with respect to potential members who would speak on accessibility issues but not have first hand experience. As well, emphasis was made on the importance of having members who have disabilities to express their lived experience perspective, and that the committee is a venue to have their own voice heard as they are directly impacted by those issues. In this regard, staff will prepare a report back to the DNV Advisory Oversight Committee with members concerns as noted.

7. Other Business and Correspondence

No other business or correspondence was presented.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2019

9. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.