

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, May 30th, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Committee Room, District Hall

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Present:

Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Vice-Chair)
Tom Crawford
Ashley Swartz

Regrets:

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Kamelia Abadi
Tracey Moropito
Riva Nelson
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Bill Soprovich, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

Nicole Foth, Staff Liaison, DNV
Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, CNV
Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison, DWV
Ji Yi Chang, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Vice-Chair.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY Louisa and seconded by Ashley
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of April 24, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY Louisa and seconded by Ashley
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Harry Jerome (Status of Project Timeline)

Council directed staff to slow the process and to review the recreation strategy. Harry Jerome can be removed as a recurring agenda item.

4.2. Accessible Bathroom Position Paper (Justin)

No update was provided.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1. Parks & Recreation Subcommittee (Nicole)

• **Seylynn Park**

Members reviewed and discussed the Seylynn Park Report as prepared by the Parks & Recreation subcommittee. Members made the following comments during discussion:

- A concern was raised that the bear proof garbage cans are difficult to use as it requires to have arm strength. A suggestion was made to consider ‘mailbox’ style where the lid is pulled open instead of lifted. Providing accessible garbage cans is included in the report.
- A suggestion was made to provide information on assistance dogs in park signage and at Recreation Centres.
- A concern was raised that pavers are not accessible for people with mobility aids. A suggestion was made, and it was added to the report, to recommend that paths of travel are continuous paving (not pavers).
- Members suggested that if picnic tables are added in the park, all picnic tables should have an extended table top to allow access for wheelchair access. This was added to the report.

MOVED BY Ashley and seconded by Tom

The ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review Seylynn Park Phase 1, and generally supports the design with consideration of the comments and suggestions in this report. The ACDI requests a response regarding the recommendations within 90 days.

CARRIED

5.2. Access Awareness & Events Subcommittee (Justin)

• **Access Awareness Event**

Justin Hall, Staff Liaison, CNV, provided some information on Access Awareness and Events Subcommittee which is scheduled for June 13th between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. Some of the highlights of the briefing were as follows:

- Objective - to give opportunity for staff and councillors to experience various mobility devices.
- About 20 people will be present - Group will break up into 4 small groups (5 people in each group)
- Various mobility devices such as power chairs, scooters, canes, and walkers will be available.
- 30min - Rehearsal, Having a quick run through beforehand.
- 40min - Welcome, Introductions, briefing and providing the purpose of the event and the potential risks of the devices
- 1.5hrs - setting up various mobility devices at the intersection of 12th and Lonsdale Avenue, devices will be used from 12th and Lonsdale Avenue to 14th and Lonsdale Avenue.
- 30-45min - Debriefing - sharing own experience and thoughts.

A suggestion was made to consider waiver prior to using the devices.

6. New Business

6.1 Accessibility Tour at Polygon Gallery

Accessibility Tour will take place at Polygon Gallery on June 06 between 11:00am and 12:00pm.

7. Other Business and Correspondence

7.1. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

Members reviewed and discussed the Accessibility Issues in Front of Council notes. The following items were discussed:

District of West Vancouver

- Members were informed that Kay Meek Arts Centre in West Vancouver is adding accessibility features for people with disabilities.

City of North Vancouver

- Active Transportation Summit will be held in New Westminster on June 17 and 18. Members present did not indicate interest in attending.

- Ridgeway Elementary School requested variance from 40 to 27 parking stalls. Members would like to ensure that the parking stalls for people with disability are maintained, so that people with disabilities have the same access to the parking lot.

- North Shore Cultural Mapping Project
Members would like to ensure that the online feature is easy to navigate for people with disabilities.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2019

9. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.