

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:00 pm

Committee Room, District Hall

355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

### MINUTES

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#### Members:

Amy Amantea (Chair)  
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#### Guests:

**Banafsheh Rahmani**  
Engineering Services, Transportation, DNV  
**Carolyn Girard**  
Parks Admin, Parks, DNV  
**Andrew Devlin**, Manager  
Transportation Planning & Development, CNV  
**Justin Hall**, Manager,  
Public Realm Infrastructure Engineering,  
Parks & Environment, CNV  
**Arleta Beckett**, Community Services &  
Community Development Manager, DWV  
**John Caliment**, District of West Vancouver  
**Gurinder Jaswal**, District of West Vancouver  
**Carolyn Kennedy**, District of West Vancouver

#### Regrets:

Tracey Moropito

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### 1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

### 2. Capital Budget Presentation

#### 2.1. District of North Vancouver

##### Transportation

East 29<sup>th</sup> Street Safety and Mobility Improvements

- Pedestrian safety by improving crossings and sidewalk infrastructure
  - Cyclist safety by providing cycling facilities along the bike route on the eastern portion of the corridor
- Pedestrian crossings are situated opposite left turn lanes wherever possible to incorporate pedestrian refuges, and pedestrian activated flashing lights are used where sight distance is constrained by the hill. East of Royal Avenue the corridor features separated bike lanes in both directions along East 29th Street.

##### Benefits:

This project provide the following improvements:

- Improved mobility for people walking, cycling and driving with newly installed sidewalks, separated cycle track, traffic signal, and crosswalks with flashing lights;
- Additional lighting for improved visibility, and improved sightlines via vegetation trimming and removals at corners;
- Increased comfort and perception of safety for commuters, recreational bikers, and other cyclists.

### **Transportation – 2019 Projects**

In 2019, the District made many improvements to sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, curb let-downs, transit stop landing pads, benches and shelters;

District also upgraded many signals to include accessible pedestrian systems;

### **2019 Sidewalks**

Sidewalks were installed at the following locations:

- Kirkstone Road (north): Mollie Nye Way - Kirkstone Place
- Tatlow Avenue (west): Lane – W 15th Street
- Grantham Place (east): Bridge – Riverside Drive
- Roosevelt Crescent (south): Lloyd Avenue – Lane

### **Status:**

These projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2019.

### **Benefits:**

These projects are focused on making it safer and/or easier to walk around the District. By improving walking infrastructure, people can engage in healthy and active transportation, and in some cases, eliminate the need for some car trips.

### *Pedestrian Crossing Improvements:*

*Flashing lights were installed/scheduled to be installed at the following locations:*

- Mountain Highway at Doran Road
- Fromme Road at Chaucer Avenue
- Deep Cove Road at Cliffmont Road
- Lynn Valley Road at Peters Road
- Berkley Road at Swinburne Avenue
- Berkley Road at Layton Drive
- Capilano Road at Prospect Avenue

Audible systems are being upgraded along Marine Drive at:

- Lloyd Avenue
- Pemberton Avenue
- Bridgeman Avenue
- Philip Avenue
- Tatlow Avenue
- Garden Avenue
- Capilano Road

**Benefits:**

These projects are focused on making it safer and/or easier to walk. Improving walking infrastructure allows people to engage in healthy and active transportation, and in some cases, eliminate the need for some car trips. These systems have been proven to increase driver yielding compliance (and therefore pedestrian safety) when people are using the crosswalks.

**Transportation – 2020 Projects**

Proposed 2020 Sidewalk Program

- Montroyal Boulevard Sidewalk (south): Pheasant Place - Cliffridge Avenue
- Berkley Road Sidewalk (west): 999 Driveway - Mount Seymour Parkway
- Dollarton Highway (north): 3168 Driveway - 3226 Driveway
- Frederick Road Sidewalk (north): Fromme Road - Mountain Highway
- Edgemont Boulevard Sidewalk (west): West Queens Road - Thorncliff Drive
- Dempsey Road Sidewalk (North): Underwood Avenue – Lynn Valley Road

The following sidewalk segments could also be considered should Council identify alternative sidewalk priorities, or wish to expand the 2020 sidewalk improvement program beyond the current 2020 budget request.

- Kilmer Road (north): Hoskins Road – Lynn Valley Road
- Lynn Valley Road (west): Hoskins Road - Dempsey Road

Crosswalk Improvement Program

Pedestrian crosswalk upgrades can include a number of treatments, such as pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), pedestrian signals, special crosswalks (with overhead flashing beacons), and audible pedestrian systems. Priority locations are identified using a number of criteria, including the number of people using the crosswalk, the road classification (local, collector, and arterial), traffic volumes and speeds, community concerns, and proximity to schools and businesses. Candidate locations for the 2020 crosswalk improvement program include:

- 1300 Blk Deep Cove Road
- West Queens Road @ Thorncliff Drive
- William Avenue @ East 21st Street
- Delbrook Avenue @ Saville Crescent
- Dempsey Road @ Nottingham Road
- Dollarton Highway @ Sleil-Waututh Road
- Highland Boulevard @ Leovista Avenue
- Lonsdale Avenue @ Windsor Road
- Lonsdale Avenue @ West Kings Road
- Nancy Greene Way @ Grousewoods Drive
- Philip Avenue @ West 22nd Street
- Ridgewood Drive @ Norcross Way

*Please note that this draft list is subject to change depending on on-going analysis, the availability of funds and input received both from Council and the community. There is also a desire to coordinate sidewalk and crosswalk projects, along with road repaving and utility upgrades, and depending on the overall capital investment plan there may be a desire to reprioritize.*

## **Parks**

### **Inter River Park – ATF**

The most southern grass field at Inter River Park is being redeveloped into a multi-sport tournament sized lit artificial turf field, to accommodate soccer, football and field hockey, with a baseball backstop and warm up area.

The project includes:

- Improved vehicle access, parking and drop off areas
- Improved trails, linkages and signage
- New landscaping and drainage

In 2018, the old field was closed and is currently being preloaded to avoid future settlement. Preloading of the field should be complete in 2021 or 2022.

Detailed design will be undertaken in 2020, at which time ACDI will be consulted.

### **Inter River Park – Sport Court**

The Inter River Park Lacrosse Box was demolished and replaced by a multi-purpose Sport Court in 2019. The new sport court accommodates lacrosse, ball hockey and basketball, *with rotational basketball hoops.*

Accessibility improvements include:

- A 2m wide universally accessible path from the parking lot, with a 6% slope
- A 3m wide asphalt pathway around the sport court, and
- A 4m wide service access gate which improves accessibility for special events

### **Seylenn Park**

In consultation with the public through 2014 and 2015, a conceptual park plan was developed for Seylenn and Bridgman Parks, to meet the needs of the expanding population in the Lynn Creek Town Centre. The renovated Seylenn Park will include:

- A multi-purpose field area to accommodate a variety of uses, including soccer and community gathering
- An event platform, sport court, playground, water park and community garden
- A new entry plaza area at the corner of Hunter and Mountain Highway

- The Spirit Trail and improved pedestrian circulation

ACDI reviewed the Detailed Design of Phase 1 in May this year.

In response to ACDI feedback, changes were made to the seating around the soccer field, including the addition of more backs and arms on the wood seating, and additional space for wheelchair users.

- We are researching bear-resistant garbage cans that are operable for people with limited arm range, mobility and strength. (*Edgemont village – not bearproof, solar powered – easy to open / approx. 6,000 each*)
- And in response to ACDI's question - Under the Dog and Tax Regulation Bylaw, if someone has an assistance dog, they are permitted to take their dog in parks and areas of parks that would otherwise be prohibited (for example playgrounds, sports fields, picnic areas, beaches, tennis courts, etc.

Construction of Phase 1 has begun and should be complete by June 2020.

Detailed Design of Phase 2 will be undertaken in 2021, and we will consult ACDI at that time.

### **Seylynn Park – Spirit Trail**

The section through Seylynn Park is currently being constructed as part of the Phase 1 works.

- The Spirit Trail will be 4 meters wide and surfaced in asphalt, in order to accommodate cyclists, pedestrians and wheeled mobility devices.
- The photo on the top right shows the current trail connection, which skirts Seylynn Skate Bowl, and presents accessibility challenges.
- The photo below it shows the location of the Spirit Trail (avoiding the skate bowl), currently under construction.

Design work for the Spirit Trail connection in Bridgman Park and the bridge between Bridgman Park and Seylynn Park will be undertaken in 2020. ACDI will be consulted with regards to the accessibility of the bridge and trail.

### **Bridgman Park Playground**

- Bridgman Park playground will be replaced in 2020 with three separate, but integrated play areas for different age groups: 1-3 year olds, 3-5 year olds, and 6-10 year olds.
- The current playground features a large, multi-bay swing set, a small two-bay tot swing set, and a multi-level play structure. These features are nearing the end of their lifespan, and need to be replaced. With a focus on accessibility, the new fenced playground will meet a spectrum of needs and include quiet and tactile play spaces for children with autism.
- The first phase of Public engagement is an online survey asking for feedback on preferred activities and features, thoughts and ideas. The survey is open for comments until Dec. 2.
- Brad Snelling, our Park Designer will be meeting with ACDI in January to review the site plan and the input received from the 1<sup>st</sup> online survey.

- Incorporating public input from ACDI, the Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee, and the online survey, the scope of work will be refined and a tender will be sent to ‘design/build’ playground suppliers ( in February)
- In February or March – a 2<sup>nd</sup> online survey will be undertaken – asking for comments on the preferred detailed design
- Once the comments are tabulated Brad will meet with ACDI to review the detailed design plan and comments
- The playground will be constructed in the summer/fall of 2020

### **Lynn Canyon Park – Accessibility Improvements**

As a result of the ACDI Audit of Lynn Canyon Park in July of this year, the following accessibility improvements were undertaken:

In the kiosk area between the Lynn Canyon Café and the entrance to the suspension bridge (the two photos on the left)

- The area was re-graded, re-surfaced and compacted to improve accessibility
- 4 new accessible picnic tables were installed

In the picnic area south of the Lynn Canyon Café (the two photos on the right)

- Paved areas were increased, re-graded, re-surfaced and compacted to improve accessibility

In the spring, yellow tape will be installed on the edges of the picnic tables to help those with low visibility see the edges of the table.

3D modelling of the suspension bridge and surrounding natural attractions will be undertaken as part of the display upgrades in the Ecology Centre.

And the Ecology Center offers programming that is inclusive of children with special needs, including ‘blind beginnings’, a group of children and youth with visual challenges

Automatic door openers will be installed in January 2020 at the Café, Washrooms, and Ecology center

### **Lynn Canyon Central Area Park Plan**

Construction has started on the Lynn Canyon Central Area Park Plan

- And should be complete by June 2020

Design objectives include:

- Improving accessibility
- Formalizing parking
  - With improved sight lines, pedestrian crossings and wayfinding signage

- And including accessible parking spaces
  - For example in a low traffic flat area near the Ecology Center
- Creating safe drop off areas on north and east side of the parking lot adjacent to new pathways
- Minimizing conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians
- And improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians and wheeled mobility devices

A signage inventory for the park has been undertaken, and signage will be upgraded after construction is complete.

## **2.2. City of North Vancouver**

### **2019 Year in Review**

- Access Awareness Day
- Piloted GAMETime (Guidelines for Accessible Mobility Environments At All Times)
- Rapid Bus
  - Implemented the recommended bus stop accessibility measures by the ACDI relating to shelters and tactile warning surface indicators
- Moodyville Park
  - Accessible bathroom
  - Accessible features
- Semisch Park
  - Accessible features
- Spirt Trail and Green Necklace Audit
- Mobility Lanes – Approved
  - Improving mobility for a broad spectrum of mobility devices
- Cycling Without Age
  - Creating conditions for this service to operate
- Walk CNV – Approved

### **Looking Ahead – Traffic Engineering:**

- Accessible Pedestrian Signal Installation
  - Review our prioritization framework
- Pedestrian letdown improvements
  - Review our prioritization framework

### **Major Projects – Esplanade Complete Streets**

- Preparing to renovate Esplanade from Forbes to St Andrews to reflect the needs of the community in 2021

- Participate as a stakeholder in consultation

### **Parks**

- CNV's Turn for the Park Audit
  - Lynmouth
  - Waterfront
- Wayfinding Improvements on the Spirit Trail and Green Necklace
  - Input on destinations and features

### **Transportation Policy**

- Looking to engage the ACDI as a stakeholder in:
  - Mobility Strategy: Chart new City-wide policies for mobility
  - Safe mobility strategy
  - Street and Traffic Bylaw Update
- Ridehailing
  - Developing approach for managing street and traffic impacts to maintain safety and accessibility

### **Other Opportunities**

- Advisory Planning Commission – Interested in a joint meeting to improve accessibility policy

### **Other Needs**

- CNV need ACDI guidance for standards on:
  - Art in Public Spaces
  - Accessible Bathrooms

## **2.3. District of West Vancouver**

### **Parks**

- Horseshoe Bay Park Revitalization Plan
- Ambleside Waterfront Plan
- Spirit Trail Interface – 14<sup>th</sup> Street

### **2019-2020 Capital & Work Plan**

#### **Municipal Hall**

- Elevator Upgrade

#### **West Vancouver Community Centre (first floor) and Weight Room Washrooms)**

- Wall and floor tiles
- Paint



- Lighting
- Countertop, washroom fixtures and accessories

Seniors Activity Centre (SAC)

- Proposed bus shelter in front of SAC for Shuttle Bus
- New programming: community education around dementia and Alzheimer Café
- New programming: cancer thrivers, GLAD (Good Life osteoarthritis Denmark)
- Portable hearing loop system
- New accessible bus for SAC

Capital Program - Whytecliff Park Upper Washrooms

- Wall and floor tiles
- Paint
- Countertops
- Washroom fixtures, partitions, and accessories
- Automatic door operator
- Widened exterior door and pathway
- Lighting

Capital Program – Queens Avenue

2019 Achievements

Queens Avenue Road & Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Pedestrian Network Study (Final Phase Completion)
  - Phase 1: Queens 22<sup>nd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Street (2014)
  - Phase 2: Queens 21<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Street (2015)
  - Phase 3: Queens 19<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Street (2019/2020)
- New Sidewalk Construction 19<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Road Rehabilitation
- Accessibility and Pedestrian improvements
  - Concrete sidewalk, crosswalks, letdowns, tactile pads, hand railings
- Traffic Calming
  - Collector Road Connection: Narrowed lanes and wider gutters
- Transit Stop (Blue Bus) improvements
  - 251 Queens; Stops 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>/Rena Crescent, 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Capital Program – Queens Avenue

15<sup>th</sup> Street Crosswalk and Transit Improvement

- Crosswalk connection North-South: West Van Secondary and Sentinel Secondary
- Transit stop redesign WB & EB at 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- 15<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvements between Queens & Palmerston
  - West-East Crosswalk with RRFB
  - Left turn lane slot

Capital Program – Hugo Ray

2019 Achievements

- Capilano Bridge Connection
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/Hugo Ray Park Connection

Capital Program – Pedestrian Access

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beach (RRFB):  
Pedestrian activated flashing LED lights

- Marine Drive & Keith Road
- Duchess & 15<sup>th</sup>
- 15<sup>th</sup> & Kings Avenue
- Chartwell Drive 1300 Block
- Mathers Avenue 1700 Block
- Fulton Avenue & 19<sup>th</sup> Street
- Marine Drive & 27<sup>th</sup> Street
- Marine Drive & Sharon Street
- Marine Drive Beacon
- Marine Drive Dundarave
- Tyrol/Crosscreek

Capital Program – Pedestrian Access  
2019 Achievements

Installed Pedestrian Letdowns:

- Clyde Avenue / Taylor Way
- Duchess / Taylor Way
- Inglewood / 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mathers Avenue / 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Planning Initiatives – Community Wayfinding Plan

- Direct pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to and between destinations (parks, trails, community facilities)
- Establish standard wayfinding from local to District-wide levels

Planning Initiatives

- RapidBus to Park Royal
- Horseshoe Bay Streetscape
- Dundarave Streetscape Guidelines

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

MOVED, seconded and resolved  
To adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

- September 26, 2019 Minutes – For Approval
- October 24, 2019 Meeting Notes – For Information

MOVED, seconded and resolved  
To approve the September 26, 2019 minutes.

**CARRIED**

The October 24, 2019 Meeting Notes were presented for information.

### **5. Subcommittee Reports**

- 5.1. Park & Recreational  
Mickey McDougall Lawn Bowling Building Design  
This item will be addressed at the January meeting.

- 5.2 Development & Inclusion
- 752 Marine Drive

Members reviewed and discussed the report as presented by the Development & Inclusion subcommittee.

MOVED by Riva and seconded by Louisa

ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the new proposal for the increased rental units and stories of the Gateway Residence project and is encouraged by the inclusion of more adaptable rental units, including increased accessible access in the east residential building. 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.

**CARRIED**

- 5.2 Proposed Legislation

Members reviewed the submission letter with the Committee's feedback and input to the Provincial Government of British Columbia with respect to the development of accessibility legislation for the province.

## **6. New Business**

- 6.1 Council Strategic Plan

Justin Hall requested this item be removed from the agenda as it was addressed at the October meeting.

- 6.2 Christmas Party

This year's Christmas will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Trattoria, in Park Royal.

## **7. Other Business and Correspondence**

- 7.1. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver
- District of West Vancouver
- City of North Vancouver

This item was not addressed.

- 7.2 ACDI Membership

- Re-Appointment for 2020-2021

Members were informed that Amy Amantea was re-appointed to the Committee for a further one year term.

Riva Nelson and Tracey Moropito were both re-appointed to the Committee for a two year term, January 2020 – December 2021.

Members were also informed that Tracey Moropito will be taking some months off the Committee.

7.3 Question of Staff

- Exemption to persons displaying a Disability Parking Permit

As a follow up to question raised at the October meeting, information was provided that there is an exemption on timed spaces for vehicles displaying a SPARC card.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

**9. Adjournment**

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, members were informed that this was the last meeting for Stina Hanson, and Stina was thanked and acknowledged for her work on the Committee.

Maeve Bermingham, the new staff liaison for the District of West Vancouver was introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.