

**NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

**Thursday, May 27, 2021 5:30 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**  
**MINUTES**

**Members:**

Amy Amantea (Chair)  
Louisa Bridgman  
Alexis Chicoine

Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV

**Council Liaisons:**

Mayor Mike Little, DNV  
Cllr Don Bell, CNV  
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

**Staff Liaisons:**

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

Pam Horton  
Heidi Scoten  
Riva Nelson

**Guest:**

Alfiya Battalova  
Lesley Taylor

**Regrets:**

Kamelia Abadi  
Shayne De Wildt  
Juan Palacio  
David Parke

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**1. Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

MOVED BY Riva Nelson and seconded by Alexis Chicoine  
To adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the April 29, 2021 Minutes**

MOVED BY Riva Nelson and seconded by Louisa Bridgman  
To adopt the minutes.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising**

- 4.1 Follow Up on City of North Vancouver Updates  
This item will be addressed at a subcommittee meeting.

**5. Subcommittee Reports**

- 5.1 Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee
- Esplanade Complete Street Report

Members reviewed and discussed the Esplanade Complete Street Report as prepared by the Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee.

MOVED BY Louisa Bridgman and seconded by Alexis Chicoine

The ACDI is pleased to have been asked to consult on the accessibility of the Esplanade Complete Streets project of the CNV for a second time, as the design details are being finalized. There are grave concerns on the design of having to cross bike lanes to access intersections and bus stops and to have mobility lanes on a similar level as pedestrians. The recommendations provided by the Committee have attempted to alleviate some of the dangers facing all users, particularly people who are blind or partially sighted. The ACDI appreciates that designing for multiple users is not an easy endeavor. Following one of the mandates of this project is what the ACDI fully supports, “consider the needs of people of all ages and abilities, for all modes”.

The ACDI requests a response/update regarding the recommendations that were and were not able to be incorporated within 90 days.

**CARRIED**

- 5.2 Parks and Recreation Subcommittee
- Kings Mill Walk

Members reviewed and discussed the Kings Mill Walk Report as prepared by the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.

MOVED BY Louisa Bridgman and seconded by Riva Nelson

The ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the concept plans for Kings Mill Park of the City of North Vancouver. The Committee urges the project

proponents to adopt the recommendations listed above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project. As the detailed design gets developed, the ACDI is available for further consultation on this project. The Committee requests receiving an update regarding the recommendations that were and were not able to be incorporated within 60 days.

ACDI looks forward to reviewing revised detailed drawings of the universal washroom design as accessibility goes, beyond basic building code, once they become available.

**CARRIED**

## **6. New Business**

A suggestion was presented for a discussion on the accessibility of various driveway and bike lane designs and have the Committee decide on an approach that could be recommended each time a project with these types of features was brought to the committee.

**Action: The Staff Liaisons from all three municipalities will look to see if it is possible to host a subcommittee meeting on this topic in the month of June.**

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

- District of North Vancouver

Two items will be going to Council on May 31<sup>st</sup>:

- A new 6-story multi-family building will be up for a development permit. The project is for 90 units and 100% non-market purpose-built rental at 267 Orwell (between Oxford and Orwell).
- The Residential Tenant Relocation Assistance Policy (RTRAP) is coming in with new guidelines for demovictions and how tenants are supported and accommodated in the transition when a building is coming to the end of its life.

- City of North Vancouver

Members were informed that the St. Andrews Playground project will be brought to a subcommittee meeting in June and the Harry Jerome project in September.

ACDI has provided advice to staff on the complete street re-designation for lower Lonsdale and Esplanade, and will now go to a process of design and consideration.

- District of West Vancouver

A concern was raised around the Welch Street Bridge and the narrow pedestrian path. The narrow path is causing some safety issues, as cyclists are not dismounting from their bikes, as well as safety issues with people on mobility devices.

The Horseshoe local area plan and design guidelines was approved for first reading by Council and will now go to a public hearing on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The information provided by ACDI was incorporated in the guidelines.

West Vancouver will also be involved in the electric bike share program and this will be at Council on June 14<sup>th</sup> with locations in West Vancouver going forward.

The community grants committee report will be going to Council on May 31<sup>st</sup> with a total of approximately \$260,000 to be distributed from the District of West Vancouver to non-profit organizations in the community, including North Shore Disability Resource Centre and North Shore Neighborhood House.

The non-Medical Cannabis Retail Policy will be brought to Council on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will set up the opportunity for four possible locations in West Vancouver for non-medical cannabis retail outlines, Horseshoe Bay, Dundarave, Ambleside, and in the Park Royal area.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021**