

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Present:

Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Vice-Chair)
Juan Palacio
David Parke
Heidi Scoten
Riva Nelson

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

Staff Liaisons:

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

Regrets:

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Shayne De Wildt
Pam Horton
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

Guests:

Alfiya Battalova
John Moreau, DNV
Mhairi Robertson, DNV
Dheeraj Alamchandani, DNV
Ian Haras, Planning and Development
Manager, DWV

1. Welcome

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

2. DNV Website Accessibility

John Moreau and Mhairi Robertson provided an overview of a proposed accessibility audit of the DNV website. The project will identify possible gaps and whether the website meets the requirements of users with accessibility needs. Part of the audit will involve conversations and feedback from members of ACDI around digital services offered by the DNV as well as participating in a user testing pool to give feedback on how the website and digital products can be made more accessible.

Action: An invitation will be sent out to the members of the Committee to participate in this initiative.

3. Update on Memorial Park Accessibility Ramp

Ian Haras, Planning and Development Manager, District of West Vancouver provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Memorial Park Accessibility Ramp. The District of West Vancouver was successful in getting grant funding for an accessibility ramp in Memorial Park located on Marine Drive, across from the library. The ramp will facilitate accessibility

issues into the park from Marine Drive and to the Cenotaph during the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

During the discussion, some concerns were raised on whether the design as presented was effective. Specifically members had comments around the landing pads and whether the landing pads could be expanded and if pullouts could be placed at the appropriate sections. A question was also raised on why the project was not brought to a subcommittee meeting of the ACDI for more in-depth review and feedback. Information was provided that the design criteria was previously set as per the grant application requirements, and as such there was no opportunity to provide actionable input, in addition to timing deadlines to begin construction.

4. St. Andrews Project Update

Christel Lindgren provided an update on the St. Andrews project. The project was a traffic calming project from the City of North Vancouver. As part of the open streets program during the pandemic the City limited the speed to 30 km/per hour, however, data gathered showed that drivers were still driving at 40/50 km. Also connected to the project was the installation of a sidewalk on the east side of St. Andrews. Although community feedback indicated the need for speed humps, there was some hesitancy as the speed bumps do not slow down every type of vehicle, and may make it uncomfortable for some drivers, bicyclists, and residents. In this regard, the City has proposed raising the crosswalks which will double as both a speed hump and crosswalk and more accessible.

A question was raised if there were concerns around the degree that the sidewalks are raised so that someone in a wheelchair or electric scooter passing could tip. Information was provided that this was not a concern as the crosswalk was wide and the raised sidewalk had a gentle slope.

5. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Juan Palacio
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

6. Adoption of the June 24, 2021 Minutes

MOVED by Riva Nelson and seconded by Kamelia Abadi
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

7. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee

- E-Bike Share

The report was not prepared and will be brought to the September meeting.

8. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- **District of North Vancouver**

A new development at the Travelodge site is at the early input opportunity with an anticipated 41 of non-market units in the project.

An email was sent to the Committee that the Action Plan prepared as part of the District's Targeted Official Community Plan Review would be going to Council. The Action Plan was approved which contained priority action items in the areas of housing, transportation, economy and the environment.

Dheeraj Alamchandani will be replacing Arielle Dalley as the District of North Vancouver staff liaison on the Committee.

As a follow up to the Accessible Halloween Initiative project presented at the June 24, 2021 meeting, Mayor Little has contacted Rich Padulo to determine next steps, Christel Lindgren will follow up with the City Council and Maeve Bermingham will follow up for the District of West Vancouver.

- **City of North Vancouver**

The following two issues were raised:

- The Residential Tenant Displacement Policy and how it affects people with disabilities.
- The report that the Noise Committee is preparing and providing to the Mayor on noise related issues around construction sites. Information was provided that there have been some noise concerns and complaints around a particular construction site, and there is a general noise bylaw review which deals with noise issues on Esplanade. The Committee will be informed in the fall once the noise bylaw comes forward.

- **District of West Vancouver**

The new arts cultural facility was out for public consultation and a report went to Council; however, after the first round of engagement was inclusive and will go back to the community again.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 30, 2021