

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Kamelia Abadi
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Vice Chair)
Pam Horton
David Parke
Heidi Scoten
Riva Nelson

Regrets:

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Shayne De Wildt
Cllr Don Bell, CNV
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV
Dheeraj Alamchandani, Staff Liaison, DNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV

Staff Liaisons:

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

1. Welcome

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by David Parke
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the September 23, 2021 Minutes

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by David Parke
To adopt the September 23, 2021 minutes.

CARRIED

4. New Business

4.1 Community Well Being Strategy Information

Christel Lindgren reported that the City is working on the community well being strategy and public consultation is open until October 31. This is a 10-year strategy to guide the actions and provide direction on social issues, such as community health, affordability, public safety, reconciliation inclusiveness, etc. This is an important strategy and may be something that members could provide their comments and input.

Action: Christel Lindgren to provide an email with the project manager’s contact information to the Committee

4.2 Membership Terms

Maeve Bermingham informed members that membership terms are coming up for review and to consider whether they wish to continue on the Committee. A subcommittee meeting has been scheduled to review membership terms and applications that have been received to date.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Development and Inclusion Subcommittee

- 1552 Esquimalt Avenue Rental

Members reviewed and discussed the 1552 Esquimalt Avenue Rental report as prepared by the Development and Inclusion subcommittee.

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Riva Nelson

The ACDI is pleased to have the opportunity to review the rental building at 1552 Esquimalt Avenue and is appreciative of the inclusion of the adaptable units proposed. The rental tenure of the site with consideration to universal design principles in the site plan and outdoor amenities and shared spaces. The committee is hopeful that the project proponents will adopt the recommendations for the overall project. The ACDI would like a response of updates regarding the recommendations within 90 days.

CARRIED

5.2 Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

- Mahon Park Childcare Centre and Washroom Building

Members reviewed and discussed the Mahon Park Childcare Centre and Washroom Building report as prepared by the Parks and Recreation subcommittee.

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Kamelia Abadi

The ACDI appreciates being consulted on the Mahon Park Childcare Centre & Washroom Building in the City of North Vancouver. The features of accessibility already incorporated into the design are excellent. The added features the committee are recommending in this report will increase the inclusivity of the whole project, as well as

enhance usage by all. Please report back to the ACDI within 60 days on what recommendation were and were not able to be included and why.

CARRIED

6. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver

Public hearings are scheduled for several developments, including one on Tuesday, November 23 for a site around Riverside and Old Dollarton.

- City of North Vancouver

Members were encouraged to complete the Community Well Being survey.

Information was requested on whether there were any guidelines for developers to build pet friendly areas in rental units. Staff reported that when development permits for rezoning are received, the public realm and engineering department will suggest placing relieve stations in the property.

Council recently adopted the proposal for an 18-storey building on second and St. Georges to host the North Shore Neighborhood House and include affordable housing.

Work has commenced on the Esplanade complete street project, which was previously reviewed by the Committee.

In terms of the question raised at the September meeting around the guiding documents from the City for accessibility on private property, further research is underway and information will be provided when available.

A public engagement will be scheduled for the upper levels greenway.

Information will be provided with respect to the parking stall in the museum building in Lower Lonsdale.

- District of West Vancouver

The 8-unit timber building project in West Vancouver was defeated at the last Council meeting.

Members were reminded that the capital projects presentation from the three municipalities will be on Thursday, November 25.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2021 – Capital Projects Presentations