

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Kamelia Abadi
Jennifer Branston
Louisa Bridgman
Michelle Katerberg
Pam Horton
David Parke
Nancie Parker

Regrets:

Alexis Chicoine
Shayne De Wildt
Carol Lenard
Loreigh Mitges

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr Don Bell, CNV
Cllr Marcus Wong, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

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

1. Welcome

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

Items #2, #3 and #11 were removed from the agenda.

MOVED by Pam Horton and seconded by Louisa Bridgman
To adopt the amended agenda.

CARRIED

1.2 Adoption of the February 24, 2022 Minutes

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Nancie Parker
To adopt the February 24, 2022 minutes.

CARRIED

2. Work Plan

This item was removed from the agenda

3. Terms of Reference

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. Streamline Sub-Committee Reports

As background, in January, the Committee discussed and approved that subcommittee reports presented at the month end meetings would be for approving the motion, and not for reviewing the entire project and report. Staff also indicated their continued support and assistance with the note writing. The notes will include the project overview, discussion highlights and a title wherein ACDI can populate the recommendations and create a report. In terms of streamlining the subcommittee reports process, the following feedback was provided by the members:

- There was a suggestion that no more than two subcommittee meetings be held a month.
- Another suggestion was that all members would be invited to attend subcommittee meetings but members should join at least one if not two per month. The report should be read ahead of the meeting and only questions and/or amendments be addressed at the month end meeting.
- A suggestion was presented whether it may be beneficial to designate a point person that could gather the feedback and take a leadership role on this topic. In this regard, Maeve Bermingham and Amy Amantea volunteered, and members were requested to provide feedback by April 19.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Community Wellbeing Strategy

Members reviewed and discussed the CNV Community Wellbeing Strategy report.

MOVED by Louisa Bridgman and seconded by David Parke

The ACDI appreciates being consulted on the CNV Community Wellbeing Strategy. The features of accessibility already incorporated into the plan 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. We look forward to consulting again at a second sub-committee meeting before the end of June, as noted by the project team. At that time, please report back to the ACDI on what recommendations were and were not able to be included and why.

CARRIED

5.2 2195 Gordon, Parcel A

Members reviewed and discussed the Parcel A of 2195 Gordon Avenue report.

MOVED by Nancie Parker and seconded by David Parke

The ACDI is pleased to have the opportunity to review Parcel A of 2195 Gordon Avenue and is appreciative of the inclusion of the adaptable units proposed within this non-market rental building in West Vancouver, as affordable, single level accessible units that provide housing options for all residents is key to meeting the changing needs of a community and enabling residents to age in place - not only in their residencies but also in the community. The committee is hopeful that the adaptable units will be aligned appropriately to the residents that require them, and seek to receive updates regarding the above recommendations in 60 days.

CARRIED

5.3 2711 Rodger's Creek Place

Members reviewed and discussed the 2711 Rodgers Creek Place report.

MOVED by David Parke and seconded by Jennifer Branston

The ACDI appreciates the opportunity to consult on the 2711 Rodgers Creek development in the District of West 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 recommendations were and were not able to be included and why.

CARRIED

5.4 2195 Gordon, Parcel B

Members reviewed and discussed the 2195 Gordon Avenue, Parcel B report.

MOVED by Nancie Parker and seconded by Louisa Bridgman

The ACDI is pleased to have the opportunity to review 2195 Gordon Avenue: Parcel B (DWV) and is appreciative of the inclusion of the adaptable and accessible units proposed. The site considers 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 in (30) days.

CARRIED

5.5 Outdoor Patios

Members reviewed and discussed the Outdoor Patios guidelines report.

MOVED by Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Michelle Katerberg

The ACDI appreciates being consulted on the Outdoor Patio Guidelines for the District of West Vancouver. The committee members acknowledge that the potential of these temporary outdoor spaces becoming permanent produces a greater positive outreach that not only assists local businesses, but also increases the vibrancy and usability of streetscapes for residents and visitors alike. The features of accessibility already incorporated are excellent. The added features the ACDI 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 recommendations were and were not able to be included and why.

CARRIED

6. Sub-Committee Response

6.1 Mobility Strategy

Members were informed that Blair would attend the April meeting to discuss the response to the Committee's report.

7. ACDI Information: DWV Community Events

Members were informed that at a recent subcommittee meeting, an issue was raised with respect to the unsatisfactory accessibility at the Nowruz picnic event in West Vancouver, and that ACDI could consider preparing a letter to Mayor and Council and staff could look into the guidelines community services use when organizing events for the community.

On discussion, members indicated their support for a letter to Mayor and Council. As well, it was suggested that all three municipalities be encouraged to ensure accessibility standards for large events, and that all three municipalities meet the standard and distinguish between small and large events, so that large public events at a public facility be a higher standard.

Action: Staff will provide support in drafting the letter, and this item will be brought to the April meeting.

8. Lions Gate Community Centre Site Tour

The District of North Vancouver invited the Committee members for a site tour of the Lions Gate Community Centre on Thursday, April 21 at 5:30, in lieu of a regular subcommittee meeting.

On discussion, a concern was raised that the site was not transit friendly in terms of getting off the bus safely, and whether there might be budget to assist members with transportation costs. In this regard, staff indicated that the transportation costs would be covered.

Members were requested to email staff by April 7 indicating whether or not they wished to attend, and if they required assistance with transportation.

9. Open Streets Patio Accessible Grant

This item was moved to the April meeting.

10. In-Person Meetings

Members were requested to provide feedback with respect to returning to in-person meetings and members who spoke, indicated their preference for hybrid meetings. Feedback also indicated that some members were experiencing some technical issues with online meetings.

Action: City of North Vancouver IT staff will be requested to provide technical support to Kamelia Abadi.

Action: Staff will continue to explore how meetings may be organized and possibly consider moving to a hybrid model.

11. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. New Business

- The application to update the Juniper Loop access trail has been granted.
- At the April Committee meeting, Jennifer Branston will provide an update on a policy around discrimination against persons with disabilities.

13. Adjournment

MOVED by Pam Horton and seconded by Jennifer Branston
To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Dheeraj Alamchandani, District of North Vancouver staff liaison, informed members that he would be leaving the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Date of Upcoming Meeting

- April 7 – LVTC-LCTC Cycling Route (DNV)
- April 14 – Dunderave Mixed-Use Building (DWV)
- April 21 – LGH Site Tour *Tentative* (DNV)
- April 28 – Month end meeting