NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, September 29, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
Committee Room, District Hall
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver
MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Kamelia Abadi
Jean Chambers
Alexis Chicoine
Shayne DeWildt
Gardiner Dye
Kathleen Freimond
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Annie Mauboules, Staff Liaison, DNV
Suzy Lunn, Staff Liaison, DNV
Alex Kurnicki, Staff Liaison, CNV
Stina Hanson, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

Regrets:

Kamelia Abadi
Cllr MacKay-Dunn, DNV
Cllr Craig Cameron, DWV
Cllr Craig Keating, CNV

Guests:

Arleta Beckett, Community Services and Community Development Manager
District of West Vancouver

Norm Wong, Transportation Engineer,
District of West Vancouver

Erica Geddes,
Section Manager, Transportation,
District of North Vancouver

Dragana Mitic, Manager
Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Environment
City of North Vancouver

Gary Houg, Manager
Maintenance & Engineering Services
North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

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1. Welcome

2. Capital Budget Presentation and Discussion

2.1. **District of West Vancouver** – Arleta Beckett, Community Services and Community Development Manager and Norm Wong, Transportation Engineer presented the following 2016 achievements and the 2017 capital requests which included:

2016 Achievements

- New Seniors' Connect Bus
- Inaugural Seniors' Expo in September and launch of dementia-friendly North Shore
- Keeping Connected program awarded British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association *Program Excellence Award*
- Pilot project with Vancouver Coastal Health to allow short-term, no-cost access for therapists to assist West Vancouver clients to re-integrate following hospital discharge or health decline
- Developed a Code of Conduct for all Community Services facilities; translated into Farsi, Korean, Chinese (simplified)
- First year of "Inclusion Works North Shore" ran successfully from September 2015 to June 2016 in partnership with North Shore Disability Resource Centre
- West Vancouver Aquatic Centre replacement of fixtures (toilets, urinals, and sinks) with automatic fixtures
- Online virtual tours completed by December 2016
- *Blueprint for Social Responsibility and Change* update
- Review of Recreation Financial Assistance Program completed by early 2017
- Ambleside playground phase 2 has accessible components
- Installation of push button door openers at the Ambleside Park washrooms
- Interior renovations to improve accessibility in washrooms at Whytecliff (upper and lower), Ambleside, and John Lawson Parks, including review of partition locations and grab bars to ensure they meet current standards or are upgraded as necessary
- Ramp installed to increase accessibility at a pop-up restaurant at the Harmony Arts Festival

- West Vancouver would like to host Access Awareness Day in June 2017
- Official Community Plan refresh

- Arts + Culture Strategy starts with a Facility Needs Assessment in fall 2016

2017 Capital Requests
- Renovations to Aquatic Centre Family Change Rooms

- Seniors' Activity Centre Patio resurfacing

- Beach wheelchair and roll out seasonal pathway for Ambleside Beach

- Seniors' Activity Centre replace lighting in Activity Room

- Phase 3 of Ambleside Park playground will have accessible components

- Improved access to Memorial Park Cenotaph

Engineering and Environment Services

2016 Achievements
- 21st St and Marine Dr / Welch St and Capilano Rd (PP)
  - Reconstruction of intersection with letdowns
  - Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
  - New traffic signals with detection cameras, countdown timers and LED street lights

- Installed letdowns (CoV standards) at:
  - Keith Rd and Rockridge Rd (NE/SE)
  - Keith Rd and Willow Creek Rd (NE/NW)
  - Keith Rd and Piccadilly (NE/NW)
  - Keith Rd and Cherbourg (NE/NW)
  - Bellevue Ave and 21st St
  - Haywood Ave and 24th St
  - Duchess Ave and 17th St
  - Russet Way and Queens Ave
  - Cross Creek Rd and Eyremount Dr

2017 Capital Requests
- Marine Dr at 16th St (Shoppers)/ Marine Dr at 14th St (Grosvenor)
  - Reconstruction of intersection with letdowns
  - Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

- New traffic signals with detection cameras, countdown timers and LED street lights
- Installed letdowns (CoV standards) at various locations

Transit Related Road Infrastructure Program (TRRIP)

- Transit Passenger Facilities Bus (Shelter) Pad Construction and connecting sidewalk on Marine Drive:
  - EB at 22nd St
  - WB at Greenleaf Rd
  - WB at Creery Ave
  - EB at Morgan Cres
  - WB at 30th St
  - WB at Eagle Harbour Rd

2.2. **District of North Vancouver** – Erica Geddes, Section Manager, Transportation, presented the following 2016 achievements and the 2017 capital requests which included:

- Montroyal Bridge Replacement
  - Sidewalks on both sides
  - Corner letdowns at all driveways and intersections.
  - bike lanes added
  - Target start: Winter 2017

- Mount Seymour Parkway
  - Multi-use pathway widening to 2.8 to 4.0 metres
  - Heaved asphalt sections repaired and transition from road added
  - Project completion date: End of 2016

- Lynn Valley Road Bike Lanes - Widening, Safety Improvement and Bike Lane Project
  - On-street, bike lanes separated with delineators
  - Morgan Road to Mollie Nye Way
  - Project completion: end of 2016

- Crosswalk Improvements - 2016
  - Mount Seymour Road at Banff Court and at Parkgate Shopping Centre
  - Indian River Drive at Inlet Crescent
- Crosswalk Improvements - 2017
  - Mountain Highway at 15th
  - Highland Boulevard at Belmont Avenue
  - West Queens Road at Del Rio

- School Safety Reviews

- Sidewalk Improvements
  - $35,000 worth of wheelchair ramps installations in 2016
  - DNV boom in re-development of single family homes
  - Often results in the redesign of sidewalks surrounding these developments

- 2017 Sidewalk Improvements
  - Plan to install approximately 16 wheelchair ramps - cost $40,000
  - + additional wheelchair ramps adjoining newly developed sites.

- Capilano Road /Curling Road
  - **Phase I:** new traffic signal
  - **Phase II:** fourth leg connects to McGuire Avenue
  - With new let-downs, countdown timers, accessible pedestrian push buttons.

- Norgate Park Fieldhouse
  - Accessible male and female washrooms
  - Separate "toilet room" is also provided within the washroom building
  - Change rooms are accessible
  - Concrete platform area surrounding buildings provides an accessible, elevated, viewing area and "social" courtyard area between buildings
  - Attachment points for a canopy to provide shelter, shade over the platform area
  - Sidewalk between the building and the lane provides a safe area for travel on the south side of the lane

- Parks Programs
  - Park Furniture upgrades to improve accessibility to park benches and picnic tables. Scope of project includes new benches and tables with accessible pathway connections
  - Playground upgrades including new accessible safety surfacing with accessible components
  - Park trail improvement/upgrades to provide more accessible trails within our more urban parks
  - Alpine Park Playground - accessible surfacing, interactive play features and low set multiple decking with support handlebars at height for kids in wheelchairs
  - Carisbrooke Park Rose Garden - accessible surfacing for wheelchairs, and accessible marble bench seating on entry plaza.
    Plantings are placed to allow for people with disabilities access to the flowers.

- Murdo Frazer – installed late summer 2015
- Cates Park (east side - Little Cates)

2.3. **City of North Vancouver –** Dragana Mitic, Manager Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Environment, City of North Vancouver presented the following 2016 achievements and the 2017 capital requests which included:

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways
  - Transit Accessibility – 2 Bus Stops
  - Accessible Pedestrian Signals - 2
  - New Traffic Signals - 2
  - New streetlights
  - New greenways – 3km
  - New Sidewalk
  - Sidewalk Repair & Trip Hazards
  - Pedestrian Curb Cuts and Lane Crossings

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways Transit Accessibility
  - In 2016, 5 new bus stops accessible
  - 92.3% of CNV stops are accessible

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways Accessible Pedestrian Signals
  - 30 of 62 signals (48%) are equipped with audible indicators
  - All new signals have audible indicators
  - Retrofit existing signals – one or two per year with priorities recommended by ACDI

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways New Traffic Signals & Streetlights
  - Lonsdale & 27th: Pedestrian Activated Signal still under construction
  - Upgrades to East Keith Road & Grand Boulevard and 19th & Grand Boulevard
  - Keith & Lonsdale- Completed late 2016
  - New Pedestrian & Street Level Lighting:
    - Bewicke and Green Necklace Greenways

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways Green Necklace & Bewicke
  - Green Necklace
    - East Keith: St Andrew's to Grand Boulevard,
    - Grand Boulevard: East Keith to 19th
  - Bewicke: Copping to Marine Drive

- Green Necklace: Bike Facilities On Grand Boulevard
- 2016 Transportation & Greenways New Sidewalks & Repairs

    - 18th at Jones
    - New Development Cost Charges for Sidewalks
    - Ongoing Repairs & Trip Hazard Removal

  - 2016 Transportation & Greenways Pedestrian Curb Cuts at Accessible Parking Spots

  - 2016 Transportation & Greenways Studies & Initiatives
    - Road Safety Strategy
    - Pedestrian Master Plan
    - Safe and Active School Travel Program
    - LookThinkGo

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways Safe & Active School Travel Program
  - Working with four schools this school year:
    - Westview
    - Queen Mary
    - St.Edmund's
    - Holy Trinity
  - Walking tours with each school yields an Action Plan

- LOOK**THINK**GO is a City program encouraging all users to safely share our streets and pathways

- Pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders & vehicles

- 2016 Transportation & Greenways Parks
  - Fen Burdette Field:
  - New artificial field, rubberized running track & fitness circuit
  - Chief Matias Joe Park:
  - Renovation: new play equipment & accessible path

- 2017 Projects
  - Transportation & Greenways
  - Parks
  - Policy & Planning
- 2017 Draft Project Plan
  - Moodyville Park Master Plan and Implementation
  - Green Necklace - West 21st Street (Jones to Lonsdale)
  - Spirit Trail - Park & Tilford Construction
  - New Sidewalks to Complete Pedestrian Network
  - 29th Street Corridor Operational Improvements
  - City-Wide LED Streetlight upgrade
  - Green Necklace -21st and Lonsdale Ave to 19th and Grand Boulevard

- West Keith Road Bike Facilities
- Sidewalk Infill and Reconstruction
- St. Andrews Park Improvements
- Traffic Signal at Keith & Hendry
- Casano Loutet Overpass
- East Keith Road Multi-Modal Corridor Improvements, East Grand to Brooksbank
- Moodyville Neighbourhood Improvements (3rd & Queensbury)
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Transit Improvements
- Road Safety Strategy
- Installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) devices (20th & Lonsdale)

- City's Housing Action Plan considered by Council this Fall

2.4. **North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission –** Gary Houg, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission, presented the following 2016 achievements and the 2017 capital requests which included:

- NVRC-City Facilities
  - Harry Jerome, Memorial, Mickey McDougall
  - Centennial, John Braithwaite & Annex

- NVRC-District Facilities
  - Old Delbrook, New Delbrook (William Griffin)
  - Karen Magnussen, Ron Andrews, Parkgate
  - N. Van. Tennis, Lynn Valley, Seylynn
  - Lions Gate, Lynn Creek

- New Delbrook CRC
  - Mobility Features
    - centrally located pair of large elevators
    - designated adjacent accessible parking stalls
    - designated nearby restricted parking stalls
    - easy ramp access to main level entrance
    - wide corridors for ease of scooter travel & parking
    - leisure pool has zero depth entry
    - main pool & hot tub have elevator entries

  - Visual Features
    - excellent interior & exterior illumination

  - interior signage is large, graphic & contrasting
  - Braille text is incorporated to signage throughout
  - tactile surfaces are used on pool deck
  - wall colours used to delineate interiors

- Aural Features
  - acoustical wall & ceiling treatments are applied in all large spaces within the building
  - audio systems are of high quality
  - Multipurpose Room (Seniors) includes hearing assistance capabilities
  - sound separation of activities is inherent in the floor plan layout

- Other Features
  - adult accessible washroom-changeroom-shower
  - adaptive fitness equipment
  - easy access to outdoor patios
  - bus stops, pedestrian crosswalk out front
  - pick-up/drop-off zone out front
  - on-site coffee shop

- ACDI members are invited to a preview tour the facility as a group in early 2017 prior to opening to the public
  - exact date and time to be determined

3. Adoption of Agenda and June 30, 2016 Minutes

MOVED BY Jean and seconded by Shayne
TO adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

A correction was requested to change the spelling of "Planit" to "Planat".

MOVED BY Richard and seconded by Teresa
To adopt the amended minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Action Items from June Meeting

The action items from the June 30, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and all items completed.

5. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

5.1. City of North Vancouver

- Kathleen reported that no items were identified.

- The Housing Action Plan will be taken to Council in October.

5.2. **District of North Vancouver**

- Rezoning of 467 Mountain Hwy

- The September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda included:
  - Second reading recommended to be approved 467 Mountain Hwy plan includes:
    - 59 units will meet the basic accessible criteria
    - 4 units will meet the enhanced criteria.
    - 6 residential parking spaces will be accessible stalls.
    - The proposal meets the Districts Policy in that 100% of the units will meet the basic accessible requirement and 5% will meet the enhanced requirement.

5.3. District of West Vancouver

- Members were invited to attend the Open House to review the Marine Drive Context Study and understand better how this area is evolving and how three active development sites in West Vancouver fit within this context.

  A chance to review the Study and provide feedback to staff will be held:

  Thursday, October 6th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm,
  Wednesday, October 12th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

  at St. Anthony Elementary School Gymnasium at Christ the Redeemer Church, 595 Keith Road, West Vancouver.

  Members were also invited to take the online survey.

- At the September Council meeting, Cllr Craig Cameron was appointed as the new Council liaison on ACDI from the District of West Vancouver.

6. Subcommittee Reports

No reports were provided as the subcommittees did not meet.

7. New Business

7.1. Transportation Consultation Committee Update

No update was provided.

7.2. Recruitment

There was a brief discussion with regard to the number of members from each municipality serving on the committee, and that recruitment efforts are taken to fill vacancies.

Action: Schedule a Recruitment subcommittee meeting.

8. Other Business and Correspondence

8.1. HandyDart Stakeholder Advisory Committee

A request was received from Translink for a representative from the North Shore to attend several meetings as part of an upcoming HandyDart Custom Transit Service Delivery Review public consultation process. As members indicated that normally they do not use HandyDart, they were requested to invite any friends or colleagues who may be interested in serving on the advisory committee.

Action: Names of anyone interested in serving on the HandyDart Stakeholder Advisory Committee be forwarded to Amy.

Suzy Lunn was introduced as the new staff liaison from the District of North Vancouver, replacing Annie Mauboules.

On discussion, it was agreed that for next year, the capital budget meeting be scheduled for October to ensure that the Councillor liaisons are available to attend the meeting.

9. Next meeting – October 27, 2016

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.