

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, October 29, 2020 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Amy Amantea (Chair)
Kamelia Abadi
Alexis Chicoine (Vice Chair)
Riva Nelson

Regrets:

Louisa Bridgman
Pam Horton (Potential New Member)

Council Liaisons:

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

Guests: David Park

(Potential New Member)
Juan Palacio
(Potential New Member)
Shayne DeWildt
(Potential New Member)
Heidi Scoten
(Potential New Member)

Staff Liaisons:

Steve MacIntyre, Staff Liaison, DNV
Edison Ting, Staff Liaison, CNV
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Kamelia Abadi
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY Kamelia Abadi and seconded by Riva Nelson
To adopt the July 30, 2020 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Recruitment

Maeve Bermingham provided an overview of the process around recruitment and approval of the new transition members to the Committee. An in-camera meeting previously took place wherein members reviewed applications, and five candidates were recommended for approval. A report with the recommendations was prepared, and sent to each respective municipality for final approval and adoption. Once the approvals are received, the new transition members will be able to assume voting rights and be able to participate in the subcommittee meetings.

The new transition members were welcomed to the Committee and provided a brief introduction.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- 5.1. Transportation and Mobility
- DNV Cycle Network Plan

Members reviewed and discussed the DNV Cycle Network Plan as prepared by the Transportation and Mobility subcommittee.

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Kamelia Abadi

ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the DNV Cycles survey and planning initiative. The Committee urges the project proponents to adopt the recommendations above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project. The ACIDI requests an update regarding the recommendations, including opportunity to review and provide feedback on preliminary designs for upcoming cycling infrastructure projects, as details become available in the next 90 days.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 Advisory Design Panel (ADP) – Volunteer

Members were informed that Riva Nelson has stepped off the District of North Vancouver Advisory Design Panel.

Alexis Chicoine has applied to serve in this role, and the report with the recommendation for appointment will be going for approval around mid-November.

On discussion, a question was raised on whether there was a representative on the City of North Vancouver Advisory Design Panel as this is an important contribution that can be made.

Action: Edison Ting will follow up and provide information.

With respect to West Vancouver, there is an accessible policy and whereas the majority of the bulk of the projects that come from District and City are public realm projects, West Vancouver brings the larger development projects. ACIDI does not get those kind of projects from the City and District because they have adaptable design guidelines.

6.2 November Capital Budget Meeting

A brief overview was provided on the upcoming November capital budget meeting. Typically this is an annual activity wherein ACDI receives updates on accessibility improvements from all three municipalities in presentations from Parks, Transportation groups and Facilities who speak on major projects that are in the pipeline or are recently being completed. This is a great opportunity to flag future opportunities for ACDI to get involved in detailed reviews of preliminary plans and designs.

7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

• District of North Vancouver

Items that are upcoming have been reviewed in the subcommittees including the District Cycles Report, and the Delbrook fieldhouse and parking detailed design review is scheduled for subcommittee on November 5th.

There is a new development proposed for the block leading into Phibbs Exchange which will have an accessibility component in the building. The public hearing will be on November 10th at 7:00 pm and information is available on the website under the Construction and Development tab.

The rental social and affordable plan will be proposing scenarios for social and affordable housing for areas of District owned land. Some are transit oriented and close to services, and some are a bit remote, but all of them would be trying to find a mix of housing for persons with disabilities and caregiver suites. This was tabled last Monday and staff were directed to prepare plans for any time that there is District owned land to be used for social and affordable housing.

This week Kevin Desmond announced his resignation from Translink and the District is hoping to expedite the process for placing a new Executive Director.

The Advisory Design Panel recently reviewed the designs for the residences at Capilano University which will include level 2 and Level 3 accessible units.

• City of North Vancouver

Alexis Chicoine provided the following topics in front of Council from April to October which included:

- Pandemic scenario planning; impacts and actions
- Open Streets Action Plan
- Safe mobility strategy

- BC Housing affordable home ownership program – memorandum of understanding
- North Shore Transportation Survey
- Kings Mill Walk Park Master Plan Task Force
- Balanced Housing Lab

The following items were brought up by Councilor Bell and staff:

- Council recently approved the Esplanade complete street project which entails a review and vision for Esplanade. Public consultation will begin in the fall; however, because of Covid-19, it is anticipated that most of the public consultation will be done via the public engagement website and other avenues of public engagement will also be explored.
- The City is looking at putting in place a winterization plan for opening the streets in central Lonsdale. The configuration of central Lonsdale will remain the same, i.e. one travel lane in each direction, and the City is looking for ideas to ensure that during the winter, patio space and walking will be favourable for business and the public. Disability issues will be a strong point that needs to be focused on, and members were encouraged to provide feedback. As well, Translink will be funding three bus bulbs which will be installed along central Lonsdale. Bus bulbs provide more space for passengers or pedestrians to walk around a station and the City is looking at how to incorporate some disability features in the infrastructure.

In terms of the Kings Mill Walk, this area is by the auto mall wherein 800 residential units are being proposed for the area. The Kings Mill Park is also part of the development and the developer is committed to redeveloping the waterfront, and items such as sea level rise, tidal surges will need to be addressed and the City would like to ensure that accessibility for all is maintained along that route. As this project is coordination work between the developer and City, once there are preliminary designs a Parks Planner will be scheduled to come to ACDI for a presentation. A concern was raised that the suggested committee membership does not include a person with a disability to advise in that area and it was suggested that a review be undertaken to determine if there should be a representative of ACDI on that committee

- Council approved a change in the speed limit to 30 km in the Ridgeway school neighborhood to improve walkability in the neighborhood and this may be expanded in the future to other neighborhoods.
- Council also dealt with the issue of noise and are recommending that there be a noise advisory task force created with some subject matter experts. The task force will be looking at a number of areas, building design and construction quality to improve a reduction in sound transfer, a construction process noise, traffic noise,

Port of Vancouver noise and the recommendation is to put noise monitoring sensors to obtain baseline data.

- **District of West Vancouver**

The McGavin Project which came to ACDI for feedback at the beginning of summer went to Council recently to request if the area could be used for other uses. The request was approved and the next step will be to move forward.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 26, 2020 – Capital Budget Meeting