

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:30 – 7:45 pm

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

MINUTES

Members:

Amy Amantea
Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine
Shayne De Wildt
Juan Palacio

David Parke
Heidi Scoten
Riva Nelson

Council Liaisons:

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

Guest:

Alfiya Battalova

Regrets:

Kamelia Abadi
Pam Horton

Staff Liaisons:

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

1. Welcome

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

The subcommittee reports were addressed prior to the orientation session of the meeting.

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Louisa Bridgman:
To adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Riva Nelson:
To adopt the January 28, 2021 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Alfiya Battalova

Alfiya Battalova was introduced to the Committee. Alfiya is a post-doctoral student at UBC who will be conducting a project focussing on how accessibility advisory committees function and their role in municipal policy making from the perspectives of the people

serving including city staff. Members were invited to reach out if they were interested in participating in the project.

ORIENTATION

5. Getting to Know Us

Members introduced themselves to the Committee and provided a brief personal biography.

6. Role of ACDI in the Municipal World

6.1. History

Members were provided with a brief overview of the Committee’s history, including the establishment of the Committee in 1989 by DNV Mayor Baker.

6.2. Introduction to the Committee (Terms of Reference)

A summary of the purpose of the Committee was provided as follows:

- Provide a forum for discussion of issues affecting people with all types of disabilities
- To make recommendations to the three North Shore municipalities to “promote, develop and sustain an accessible community, free of physical and social barriers.”
- To organize or participate in community events or awareness activities

6.3. Relationships with Council, Staff, Clerk

The staff representatives on ACDI are non-voting and are from each of the three municipalities. Staff are available to help members on any issues related to the Committee, to take matters to other staff, provide resources and serve as an advocacy/advisory role.

The Councillor members on ACDI are non-voting and are from each of the three municipalities. Members were invited to contact Councillors on any questions or issues.

The Committee’s Clerk is also available to assist members.

6.4. 2021 Work Plan

Focus on Position Papers

- Letdowns & Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSI)
- Accessible public bathrooms
- Audible pedestrian signals
- Public realm treatments
- Placement of public art

Review of Major Projects for Each Municipality

- Transportation Strategic Plan, Horseshoe Bay Streetscape & Park Revitalisation (DWW)
- Harry Jerome Rec Centre, Mobility Strategy, Wayfinding (CNV)
- Lynn Creek Rec Centre, Delbrook Lands, Spirit Trail (Central Section) (DNV)

Events and Outreach

- Access Awareness event (June 2021) – will review closer to the date

Park Audit

- Typically held on July's regular meeting date.
- Planned to audit a CNV park last year, however this was suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Will review the COVID-19 situation at the May or June meeting to determine whether the park audit will go ahead this year or if an alternative format could be organized.

6.5. Guest Speakers

The following suggestions for guest speakers were presented:

- HUB
- Park Royal /Welch Street Bridge whether there would be an opportunity to speak to Squamish Nation or Park Royal when they do improvements, or other people who may wish to make improvements on the North Shore and are considering accessibility.
- Next Steps which has all the participants that are dealing with the bridge replacement on Welch.
Action: Staff will look into who are the municipality representatives
- Kings Mill Walk in Harbourside
- Spirit Trail
- Lonsdale disability friendly benches and input from ACDI

- Process around public art and how each municipality contracts an artist and what guidelines are in place and a discussion about a possible position paper.

6.6. Project Referrals and Subcommittees

Subcommittees review projects & provide recommendations or works on special projects.

Three subcommittees meet semi-regularly:

- Development and Inclusion – 1st Thursday
- Parks and Recreation – 2nd Thursday
- Transportation and Mobility – 3rd Thursday

Three subcommittees meet as needed:

- Recruitment Subcommittee
- Publications Subcommittee
- Access Awareness Subcommittee

Members are expected to join at least one subcommittee.

7. Sub-Committees – Review of Subcommittees

This item was covered under item #6.6.

REGULAR MEETING

8. Business Arising

8.1. Election of Executives

The Executive of the Committee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair and two additional members who may be called upon for decisions. Members were requested to volunteer to fill the remaining two spots, and accordingly Louisa Bridgman and Juan Palacio were acclaimed into the positions.

9. Subcommittee Reports

9.1. Transportation & Mobility

- Esplanade Complete Street

On review of the report, it was suggested that as this project is still at an early stage, the report will be taken back for further updating and addressed at another meeting.

9.2. Development & Inclusion

- Horseshoe Bay Local Area Plan

Members reviewed and discussed the Horseshoe Bay Local Area Plan as prepared by the Development & Inclusion subcommittee.

MOVED BY Riva Nelson and seconded by Bridgman seconded:

The ACDI is pleased to have been asked to consult on the accessibility of the Horseshoe Bay Local Area Plan - District West Vancouver (DWV). The Committee urges the project proponents to adopt the recommendations listed above, which will improve the overall accessibility of the project, prior to advancing the plan to the DWV council. The ACDI requests a response/update regarding the recommendations that were and were not able to be incorporated within 60 days.

As well within 60 days, the Committee requests to receive an update from relevant staff on the Horseshoe Bay Streetscape Design Project.

Also within 60 days, since the ACDI's previous park audit of the Horseshoe Bay Waterfront Park was undertaken many years ago, the Committee requests to receive an update from Park staff on this portion of the project.

CARRIED

10. Other Business and Correspondence

Words Matter

Information was provided on the Words Matter document currently used by the Committee. The document was created for clarity around language and defines respectful language to use around disability. It was noted that although the document needs updating, it is currently used by such organization as Translink, BC Ferries, Arts Club and others. The document provides some guiding principles around language for communications, publications, etc. Once the document is updated, it will be shared and staff and Council will be encouraged to share the document.

10.1. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver

Work is underway on action planning for the targeted Official Community Plan review and there will be public engagement shortly and a general opportunity for everyone to be involved.

There will be a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 pm for a proposed 60-unit project in the Norgate neighborhood for women experiencing

violence. Information was requested on the percentage of housing for level 1 and Level 2.

Action: Staff will look into getting the information and report back.

Transit is contemplating some changes in the Handy Dart service and Sara Ross will be invited to present or provide information on potential changes to the Committee.

- City of North Vancouver

Members were requested to volunteer to meet on site on Lonsdale to provide feedback on how to design the ramps being used to access the parking lane as well as turning the old conventional parking stalls into accessible temporary parking. On discussion, it was suggested that it may be more beneficial for members if this item to be brought to a subcommittee instead of meeting on-site.

The Esplanade Complete Street project will be brought back to ACDI once there are further designs.

The Kings Mill Walk project, once started, will also be brought to ACDI. There will be a Kings Mill Committee and it may be beneficial for a member of ACDI to sit on that Committee and report back to ACDI.

Council gave Third Reading to a zoning application at 145 – 153 East 4th for a 69-unit building, with 19 units meeting the Level 2 design guidelines.

- District of West Vancouver

Alexis Chicoine provided a summary of items in front of Council, and no further report was provided by staff.

11. Advisory Design Panel Update

Alexis Chicoine reported that the District of North Vancouver brought forward the Delbrook affordable housing building that will go up in front of the tennis courts.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 5:30 pm.