

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, November 24, 2022 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams  
**MINUTES**

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**Members:**

Amy Amantea  
Kamelia Abadi  
Louisa Bridgman  
Alexis Chicoine  
Michelle Katerberg  
Pam Horton  
Loreigh Mitges  
David Parke  
Nancie Parker

**Council Liaisons:**

Mayor Mike Little, DNV  
Cllr Nora Gambioli, DWV

**Regrets:**

Jennifer Branston  
Cllr Don Bell, CNV

**Staff Liaisons:**

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

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### 1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Louisa Bridgman provided an update on her health issues.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Under Other Business, item #8.1 Presentation of Workplan was added to the agenda.

MOVED by Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Nancie Parker  
To adopt the amended agenda.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Adoption of the October 27, 2022 Minutes

MOVED by Nancie Parker and seconded by David Parke  
To adopt the minutes.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Business Arising**

##### **4.1 Recruitment**

As this was the last meeting for Amy Amantea, Shayne De Wildt and Kamelia Abadi, they were acknowledged for their work and contribution on the committee.

In terms of recruitment, the two District of North Vancouver positions on the committee have been filled, and the new members will be introduced at the January 2023 meeting.

The City of North Vancouver positions have not been filled and the posting will remain open.

The District of West Vancouver has also advertised for vacancies; however, no applications were received. The committee members were informed that Carol Lenard has resigned from the committee. Alexis Chicoine has indicated that she wished to submit her application for a further term on the committee as a representative from the District of West Vancouver.

##### **4.2 Year End Event – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

To date, 14 committee members have indicated that they will attend the December 15<sup>th</sup> year end event, and members were encouraged to RSVP if they have not already done so. Staff informed the committee members that the reservation at Trattoria Restaurant in West Vancouver has been confirmed and the restaurant will be informed of food preferences. As well, staff will be providing and distributing detailed information to the committee members on location, parking, menu, etc. prior to the event.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1 Accessibility Plan**

Kyle Dupuis reported that he recently attended a meeting to learn more about the new *British Columbia Accessibility Act* and the impact to local government. Some of the requirements of the new *Act* will be to develop an accessibility plan, as well as provide a platform for people to comment on accessibility, and more information will be brought to the committee in the new year.

As reported at the October meeting, the new *British Columbia Accessibility Act* has come into effect and part of the requirements of the new legislation is to form an accessibility committee, which ACDI meets the criteria, as well as develop an accessibility plan and have a platform to receive feedback on accessibility. Through the rollout of the legislation, the District of North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver will have to create a plan and part of the engagement will be the committee's involvement as identified in the 2023 ACDI workplan. As work is still in the early planning stage, further information will be brought to the committee in January.

In terms of a framework for preparing the plan, there was a portal with information on how to develop the plan, including examples of plans from other municipalities.

In addition, part of the legislation is that after the creation of the plan, there is an opportunity to regularly update the plan and it was suggested that ACDI continues to be fully engaged with the plan.

## 5.2 Workplan and Budget

Alexis Chicoine was acknowledged for her work in completing the 2023 workplan and budget. The workplan provides an update to Council on the anticipated work plan for 2023, together with the budget request to complete the work.

On review and discussion, a question was raised with respect to the previous funds allocated to catering particularly as Covid-19 prevented any in-person meetings. Staff noted budgets are used on an annual basis and unused funds are not brought forward to the preceding year.

MOVED By Alexis Chicoine and seconded by David Parke

To approve the 2023 workplan and budget as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 5.3 2023 Meeting Format

There was a discussion with respect to the 2023 meeting format and whether members wished to meet in-person, virtually, or in a hybrid format. The committee members were informed that the District of North Vancouver committee room and Council chamber have been upgraded to accommodate hybrid meetings wherein some members could be in-person and others could access the meeting virtually. In this regard, the committee members verbally indicated their preference for the meeting format, and the general consensus

was a hybrid format for the month end meetings, and virtually for the subcommittee meetings.

In moving forward, the January meeting will be at the District Hall, in a hybrid format and catering will be provided.

## **6. Subcommittee Reports**

### **6.1 Parklet Review**

Committee members were informed that the additional feedback received was incorporated into the parklet report.

MOVED By Nancie Parker and seconded by Loreigh Mitges

To approve the Parklet Review as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council**

- **District of North Vancouver**

At the last Council meeting, there was a delegation from Cycling Without Age North Shore requesting that improvements be made to some of the North Shore trails.

The 1310 Monashee Drive proposal will be coming forward to Council. This is a new proposal for a significant student housing project around Capilano University.

- **City of North Vancouver**

There have been various high-level discussions around cycling with Engineering and Transportation Planning.

- **District of West Vancouver**

Cllr Nora Gambioli was introduced and welcomed as the West Vancouver Councillor representative for 2023.

Committee members were encouraged to present the workplan, and provide information on the committee's work, to Council.

Two projects previously considered by ACDI, 2195 Gordon project, was recently approved by Council; however, the studio units were deferred.

The e-bike incentive has been paused awaiting a report from staff.

Alexis Chicoine was acknowledged for her work as a candidate for the recent election, particularly bringing focus to accessibility issues in the community.

**8. Any Other Business**

8.1 Presentation of Workplan

Alexis Chicoine volunteered to present the workplan to the District of West Vancouver Council.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

**Date of Upcoming Meetings**

- December 15 Year End Event