

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting (In-person and Virtual via MS Teams)

MINUTES

Members:

Louisa Bridgman
Alexis Chicoine (Chair)
Cyndi Gerlach
Pam Horton
Michelle Katerberg
Loreigh Mitges
Marilynne Nowell
David Parke
Nancie Parker
Robert Richard

Staff Liaisons:

Shahrzad Honarmand, Staff Liaison, DNV
Nick Giannone, Staff Liaison, DNV
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk, DNV

Council Liaisons:

Mayor Mike Little, DNV
Cllr. Shervin Shahriari, CNV
Cllr. Nora Gambioli, DWV

Regrets

Jennifer Branston
Vanessa Mendoza
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV

1. Welcome

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Cyndi Gerlach and seconded by Loreigh Mitges
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the February 23, 2023 Minutes

Moved by Cyndi Gerlach and seconded by David Parke
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1. Access Awareness Week Update

There was a discussion with respect to ACDI possibly organizing an event for Access Awareness Week. At the February meeting, committee members had discussed the possibility of mirroring a previous event; however, staff noted that the format of that event had been a large resource-based undertaking in terms of organization and would require several meetings to organize for this year. In this regard, it was suggested that a similar experiential event take place next year as there would be approximately 10 committee meetings to fully plan the event. For this year, the committee may wish to consider a smaller resource-intensive event.

On discussion, it was suggested that the committee could promote Red Shirt Day which will take place, this year on May 31, during National Accessibility Week <https://easterseals.ca/en/redshirtday/>. In this regard, at the April 27 committee meeting, committee members will wear red shirts and have a group photograph taken which can then be distributed via social media.

4.2. Translink – Phibbs Exchange Washroom Letter

Committee members reviewed the proposed letter to Translink with respect to the Phibbs Exchange washroom. The letter was prepared by ACDI to Translink in order to support washrooms from an accessibility perspective.

Prior to the vote, Pam Horton indicated that she would recuse from the vote.

Moved by Cyndi Gerlach and seconded by Louisa Bridgman

That the letter to Translink regarding the Phibbs Exchange washroom be approved and distributed.

CARRIED

4.3. Inclusive Grants – Broader letter to the MP

Committee members reviewed the proposed letter to the Member of Parliament with respect to inclusive grants. On review and discussion, it was suggested to include inclusive language around grant guidelines that are specific for accessibility of people with disabilities. The letter will be further revised and brought to a future meeting.

4.4. Discussion of Council Monitors

Vanessa Mendoza previously indicated by email that she will serve as the council monitor for the City of North Vancouver.

5. New Business

5.1 Ambleside Local Area Plan

Maeve Bermingham provided a presentation on the Ambleside local area plan.

6. Reports

None.

7. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council

- District of North Vancouver
- City of North Vancouver
Committee members were encouraged to provide their feedback to the St Andrews safety improvements survey <https://letstalk.cnv.org/st-andrews-safety-improvements-project>.
- District of West Vancouver

8. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Date of Upcoming Meetings

- April 27 – Month End Meeting (Bike Lanes Presentation and Capital Works Presentation)

Alexis Chicoine, Chair

Date