

NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Present:

Jennifer Branston
Alexis Chicoine
Michelle Katerberg
Vanessa Mendoza
Loreigh Mitges
Marilynne Nowell
David Parke
Nancie Parker

Council Liaisons

Cllr. Shervin Shahriari, CNV
Cllr. Nora Gambioli, DWV

Staff Liaisons:

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

Regrets:

Louisa Bridgman
Cyndi Gerlach
Pam Horton
Robert Richard
Mayor Mike Little

1. Welcome

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

2. Bike Lanes Presentation

Mo Bot, Project Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure Engineering, Parks & Environment, City of North Vancouver provided a presentation on the Esplanade Complete Street Design and Monitoring, including the project overview and design goals, engagement summary, design overview and ACDI focus areas.

On completion of the presentation, committee members noted concern that input from the North Shore ACDI was not incorporated and the design was now basically complete. The presenter noted that many recommendations provided by ACDI were implemented, in addition to feedback from the public.

3. Capital Works Presentation

3.1 District of North Vancouver

Banafsheh Rahmani, Transportation Engineer, District of North Vancouver provided a presentation on proposed projects for sidewalks, transit stops and pedestrian crossing which are planned for 2023, and some of which will be installed and constructed in 2024/2025.

3.2 City of North Vancouver

Staff representatives from the City of North Vancouver provided several presentations on the proposed City of North Vancouver projects for the coming year.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Branston and second by Loreigh Mitges
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of the March 30, 2023 Minutes

Moved by Jennifer Branston and seconded by Loreigh Mitges
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

6. Public Questions

Members of the public left before this item was addressed.

7. Business Arising

7.1.

Access Awareness Event

In terms of the previously planned committee photograph for Red Shirt Day, research on the event indicated that this particular event is an initiative from one specific organization. In this regard, although a vote was not taken, committee members indicated their agreement that the photograph was not necessary and the ACDI will focus and develop ideas for possible awareness events at their working group meeting on May 11.

7.2. TransLink Response to Phibbs Public Bathrooms

Committee members reviewed and discussed the response letter from TransLink with respect to the Phibbs public bathroom issue.

8. New Business

No new business was presented.

9. Reports

9.1. Alder Garden

Committee members reviewed the Alder Garden report as prepared by the working group at their meeting on March 11th.

Moved by Jennifer Branston and seconded by Loreigh Mitges

The ACDI is pleased to have been asked to consult on the accessibility and design of the Alder Garden of the CNV, but it became apparent during the consultation that the committee's feedback was invited too late in the process when little could be changed. The present design is lacking accessibility even in the "accessible" plots. Notwithstanding of the project's timeline, the Committee provided a full range of recommendations, which the members urge the project proponents to adopt to improve the overall accessibility of the project. Please report back to the ACDI in a memorandum or in a meeting within 60 days on what recommendations were and were not able to be included.

CARRIED

10. Any Other Business

Lighthouse Park has received grant money for signage and the committee will be providing feedback.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Date of Upcoming Meetings

- May 11 – Subcommittee meeting Access Awareness Event
- May 25 – Month End Meeting