

## NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Thursday, November 26, 2020 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### MINUTES

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#### Present:

Amy Amantea (Chair)  
Kamelia Abadi  
Louisa Bridgman  
Alexis Chicoine (Vice Chair)  
Riva Nelson  
David Park (Potential New Member)

#### Council Liaisons:

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

#### Staff Liaisons:

Tina Atva, Manager, Community Planning,  
Christel Lindgren, Staff Liaison, CNV  
Maeve Bermingham, Staff Liaison, DWV  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

#### Presenters:

**Banafsheh Rahmani - DNV**  
Engineering Services, Transportation

**Brad Snelling – DNV**  
Park Designer

**Justin Hall - CNV**  
Manager, Public Real Infrastructure  
Engineering, Parks & Environment

**Arleta Beckett - DWV**  
Community Services & Community  
Development Manager,

**Cindy Liu – DWV**  
Transportation Engineer

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### 1. Welcome

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

### 2. Capital Budget Presentation

#### 2.1. District of North Vancouver

##### 2020 Capital Projects

##### Murdo Frazer Pond Restoration

- New accessible ramp and new deck.
- Ecological restoration in denuded areas and old closed pathways to bring natural environment back around pond.

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- Wide pathways in and around the upper parking lot for ease of movement.

- Accessible parking spaces close to attractions
- Clearly marked pedestrian walking paths across road
- Need for high reflective colour for
- Ecology Centre – new accessible doors front and back...removal of curbs to make it easier to move from one surface to the other
- New signage that is easier for the visually impaired to see.
- DNV Parks working on a new comprehensive signage system for Lynn Canyon Park – for 2021

Ideas to allow more visitors to enjoy the falls experience:

- (Viewing platform somewhere by the café...looks at locations where one can see a bit of the falls
- By octagon sign by bridge stairway - 3 d model of canyon and falls for visitors to touch and feel to experience the falls  
*(these ideas were presented during the ACDI Lynn Canyon Park walkabout last summer)*
- **UPDATE:** Ecology Centre working on a 3D model of Lynn Canyon and falls for the public to experience. 2021

### **McCartney Creek Park Backstops**

DNV Parks replaced all four existing backstops at McCartney Creek Park's East field.

Accessible features include:

- New accessible trail links from parking lot, fieldhouse to field
- Ease of transition from field to backstop area
- Improved signage

### **Seylynn Park**

The first phase of Seylynn Park was completed in the fall of 2020

The renovated park will include:

- Multi use Field area to accommodate a variety of uses, including sports games-special events
- New entry plaza area at corner of Hunter and Mtn Highway
- New community gardens
- Special event areas – stage
- Playground and small washroom
- Natural play areas and trails

Detailed design – 2018

Construction of Phase 1 (area south of Seylynn Rec Centre ) 2019/2020

Pathways – different textures denotes

Pathways – main oval path around open grass area – side, textured and seamless

Seating areas are incorporated into the planting areas and provide a safe boundary between public and natural areas

Special accessible seating with handrails around main oval

### **Mountain Highway Interchange**

Ongoing construction of the Mountain Highway Interchange features new trail connections (red clouded area)

New trails will include:

- Seating and signage information board areas along the route
- Access to the Spirit Trail connections
- Areas to stop and appreciate the new planting beds and new exposed creek area
- Connections to existing parks trails along Lynn Creek
- Wide multi-use pathways to access Spirit trail and existing park trails network

### **Myrtle/Delbrook Backstop Upgrades**

- Replacement mini-backstop for the 3-5 year old baseball league – NE side of all-weather field
- Field will be regraded before 2021 season

### **Myrtle/Delbrook Backstop Safety Netting**

- New safety netting section for Myrtle NW backstop – west side
- Replacement safety netting along south side of SW backstop at Delbrook Park (to protect the new Delbrook playground below the field)

## **2021 Capital Projects – Parks**

Inter River Park – All terrain field

The project includes:

- A multi-sport tournament sized lit artificial turf field to accommodate soccer, football and field hockey, with a baseball backstop and warm up area.
- New improved vehicle access and parking areas
- Improved trails and linkages and signage
- New landscaping and drainage
- Potential new washroom to serve both the upgraded lacrosse box and the bike park area

Playgrounds (Bridgman)

- Park Furniture upgrades to improve accessibility to park benches & picnic tables
- Trail Program – MTN Highway interchange, Cates park (ramps replace stairs where possible),

Delbrook Park – Fieldhouse & Accessible Path

The new accessible pathway will be built in the spring of 2021.

- Path entry area features two accessible parking spots opposite the path entry.

- Both parking spots feature low asphalt ramps to overcome the 8 inch raised curb
- Proposed grades; pathway outside entry = 6.8
- Proposed grades at path entry: 5%
- Proposed grades along path: 3-4%
- Revised accessible parking as per comments from ACDI October meeting 2020
- 2 metre safety zone around single ramp between to new accessible spots
- Require new approved accessible logo for accessible parking spots (unable to use one sent)

#### Delbrook Lands

- Detailed Park design – Fall 2020 to Spring 2021
- New design will feature:
  - Wide accessible pathways
  - Accessible play spaces and water park
  - Accessible parking
  - Focus on ramps and less on stairs for ease of movement
- Drawing above – 2020 conceptual Design from extensive public process (2018/2019)
- Construction: possibly 2022/23

## **2.2. City of North Vancouver**

#### Year in Review - Transportation

- Rapid Bus Lunch
  - Implemented the recommended bus stop accessibility measures by the ACDI relating to shelters and tactile warning surface indicators

#### Year in Review – Open Streets

- Reallocating space in Central Lonsdale to supporting people and businesses
  - Adding seating
  - Focus on making public and private spaces accessible
  - Temporary bus extensions have been improved

#### Year in Review - Parks

- Semisch Park
  - Completed
- Grand Boulevard Lighting
  - Nearly Complete

#### Year in Review – Policy

- Safe Mobility Strategy Adopted
  - Designing Safe Streets
  - Encouraging Safe Speeds

- Promote Safe Behaviour
- Evidence-based & Accountable

Looking Ahead Major Projects - Esplanade Complete Street

- Redesigning Esplanade to create a safe more comfortable experience for all users.
  - Preliminary online engagement is live [WWW.CNV.ORG/ECS](http://WWW.CNV.ORG/ECS)

Looking Ahead Major Projects – Parks

- CNV's Turn for the Park Audit
  - Lynmouth
  - Waterfront
- Wayfinding Improvements on the Spirit Trail and Green Necklace
  - Input on destinations and features

Future Needs

- CNV need ACDI guidance for standards on:
  - Art in Public Spaces
  - Accessible Bathrooms

### **2.3. District of West Vancouver**

#### **TRRIP (TransLink - Transit Related Road Infrastructure Program)**

##### **Purposes:**

- Improve pedestrian transit experiences on the roadways to encourage a shift from single occupancy vehicles to transit use.
- Improve sidewalk/pedestrian infrastructures that expand accessibility at bus stops.
- Achieve more efficient operation of the District's transit facilities.

##### Two locations are proposed to improve in 2021:

- Ballantree at St. Andrews Intersection Improvements
- Primrose at Marine Drive Bus Stop Improvements

##### Ballantree at St. Andrews Intersection Improvements

- Install Monolithic Concrete Sidewalks with Letdown
- 16.5m of Handrail at the back of sidewalk
- Install Pedestrian Signage
- Zebra Crosswalk
- Line Painting (Stop Bar, Pedestrian Crosswalk Lines, etc.)

##### Primrose at Marine Drive Bus Stop Improvements

- Install Concrete Sidewalk with Letdown

- Install Pedestrian Signage  
Zebra Crosswalk

#### 13th & Marine Signal Replacement

- Scope of work: installation of new traffic signal poles, removal of existing ones, junction boxes, vehicle detection and wiring.
- Apply technical advantages of the new controller.
- It includes future traffic coordination, Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) for pedestrian safety, and new LED traffic lights.
- New Detection System with cameras.

#### **Strategic Transportation Plan (STP)**

- The process of stakeholder engagement will start in early 2021.
- ACDI committee will be engaged for inputs, stay tuned for updates

#### **Horseshoe Bay Streetscape**

- Approximately 100m of local road upgrades along Royal Ave, including curb relocation, pavement reconstruction, new lighting, and landscaping.
- ACID comments were incorporated:
  - Crosswalk treatment
  - Use of bollards in crosswalks
  - Pedestrian “Zone”
  - Street Furniture
  - Project is nearly completion

#### **2020 Community Services**

Participation in North Shore wide COVID-19 response with a West Vancouver focus on:

- people experiencing food security
- homeless and those at-risk of being homeless

New lobby furniture designed to meet a variety of needs and chosen in consultation with members from the community

#### **2020 Parks**

Juniper Loop trail improvements (Lighthouse Park) in coordination with a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation:

- Extension of road pavement and the introduction of two paved accessible parking stalls at the Northern Juniper Loop Trail Head
- Regrading, widening and smoothing of trail surface for approximately 300m of the trail
- A new rest bench midway
- Trail head signage with some improvements to the trail kiosk

**2021 Capital and Work Plan**

An RFP for an operator for the supportive housing units at Gateway (Park Royal) will be on BC Bid in early 2021

- Ferry Building renovation  
Will come forward to the ACDI in 2021
- Recreation Financial Assistance to fully move online or over the phone, with in-person appointment by request once COVID restrictions are lifted.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

MOVED BY Alexis Chicoine and seconded by Riva Nelson  
To adopt the October 29, 2020 Minutes

**CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising**

No business arising was presented.

**6. Subcommittee Reports**

- 6.1. Park and Recreation Subcommittee
- Delbrook Field House and Parking Design Review

Members reviewed and discussed the Delbrook Field Housing and Parking Design Review report as

MOVED BY Louisa Bridgman and seconded by Kamelia Abadi

ACDI is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the new plans for the pathway and parking at Delbrook Field House. ACDI is available for any further consultation on this project and looks forward to receiving any specific feedback from this report within 90 days.

ACDI looks forward to reviewing revised detailed drawings of the universal washroom design

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**8. Accessibility Issues in Front of Council**

- District of North Vancouver
- City of North Vancouver



- District of West Vancouver

The following item was raised from the District of North Vancouver:

- At a recent Council meeting, signage at Lynn Valley Centre was considered. As part of the discussion, it was questioned if the District has guidelines on accessibility issues for signage. The Sign Bylaw is generally silent on this but a sign designer noted that international standards do exist (e.g. for legibility) and that most sign designers incorporate these provisions into their signs. This item was relayed to the Committee for information and for possible consideration in future work plans (e.g. establishing accessibility standards that could be incorporated through the sign permit application process).

The following item was raised from the District of West Vancouver

- Council will be looking at updating their strategic goals and one of the objectives from last year was to expand the diversified housing and rentals and accessible units. As there are no accessibility guidelines the Committee may also wish to look at working on developing housing accessibility guidelines.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

## **10. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2021**