



2017-2018 Work Plan

Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

Mandate

Policy Advice

- Provide input to City Council and City staff about issues of concern.
- Consider any matters which may be referred to the Committee by Council or staff.
- May take positions on policy initiatives from other levels of government within the mandate of the Committee.

Collaboration

- Work co-operatively with other agencies whose activities affect constituent communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects.
- Act as a resource for staff doing public involvement processes and/or civic events.

Awareness & Outreach

- Exchange information with the constituent communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest.
- Engage in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities.

Active Transportation

- Advise City Council on strategic priorities relating to walking, cycling, and all active transportation modes in Vancouver, and public transit.
- Advise Council and staff on Transportation 2040 and Active Transportation Master Plan as they are developed, implemented, and updated.



2017-2018 Objectives

Objective 1: Transportation

Ensure accessible and inclusive transportation options for people with disabilities.

Objective 2: Social Inclusion

Initiate and facilitate public discourse on the topic of social inclusion, its meaning and impact on the city and its residents.

Objective 3: Housing

Ensure that persons with disabilities have access to appropriate, accessible, and affordable housing that will enable them to be full participants in their community.

Educate and inform the City on all aspects of housing as it relates to access and inclusion, especially for persons with disabilities.

Objective 4: Accessible City

Improve the City's facilities, services, parks, and public and private spaces for persons with disabilities.

Educate and inform the City on areas of access and inclusion for persons with disabilities in order to work towards equal-footing with able-bodied persons, as required by the BC Human Rights Code.

Action Plan

Timeline	Action Items	Committee Resources	Expected Outcomes	Partners/Stakeholders
Transportation				
6/1/2017 - 9/1/2017	Transportation plan equality measures for persons with disabilities	Transportation subcommittee: Laura Mackenrot (acting-chair of Transportation subcommittee) Cathy Browne, Tasia Alexis, Varun Banthia, Zvonimir Basic	Ongoing consultations within TPSG, consultations on specific projects (e.g. 10 th Ave Medical Corridor, Burrard Bridge, bicycle lanes, new St-Paul's Hospital site, Arbutus Greenway, Ferry dock accessibility, passenger pick-up and drop-off zones), and progress on equality measures in the Transportation plan.	Transportation Plan, Stakeholder Group (TPSG), City project teams
9/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	TransLink and HandyDART (e.g. bus pass and fare review), and TaxiSaver Program	Transportation subcommittee	Ensure that conventional transit is fully accessible, that HandyDART provides passengers with equal transit outcomes, and that TaxiSaver is more affordable and provides more transportation options.	HUN (HandyDART Users' Network), TransLink and HandyDART personnel
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Taxis and vehicle-for-hire services	Transportation subcommittee	Taxi driver training, wheelchair-accessible taxi licences, response times, consultations on Uber, Lyft and others to ensure that new services are fully accessible.	Taxi Licensing office, Uber, Lyft, Disability Alliance BC, BC Taxi Association, TransLink and others
Social Inclusion				
6/1/2017 - 9/1/2017	Conduct background research into concept of inclusion for persons with disabilities	Social Inclusion subcommittee: Chelsea Hitchen (chair of Social Inclusion subcommittee), Kristina Baerg, Leonor Vlug, PDAC co-chairs, ex-officio members	Research summary to PDAC by September 1, 2017, outlining key concepts, sources of information and findings.	City Social Policy and Projects, Cultural Services City staff working on social inclusion and the Social Infrastructure Plan

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9/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Explore connections with City projects and programs, other advisory committees and community organizations	Social Inclusion subcommittee	Identify practical ways to assist the City to promote social inclusion for persons with disabilities.	City Social Policy and Projects, Cultural Services City staff working on social inclusion and the Social Infrastructure Plan
Housing				
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment	Housing subcommittee: Paul Gauthier (chair of Housing subcommittee), Jocelyn Maffin, Kristina Baerg, Tasia Alexis, Isla Robertson, Mary-Jo Fetterly	To ensure the Pearson Dogwood site is redeveloped and the George Pearson Centre is closed in accordance with the principles and policies in the Consensus Agreement, and the Redevelopment Policy Statement; all with a goal of full inclusion of persons with disabilities.	City staff responsible for Planning and Pearson Dogwood Development; VCH; relevant consultation groups, ONNI Group, YMCA
2017 - 2018	Level Access By-Law	Housing subcommittee	To ensure that the new Vancouver Building By-law (VBBL) incorporates the requirement for an accessible path of travel from curb to doorway, an essential element in the inclusion of persons with disabilities; this also includes adopting the visitable and adaptable housing criteria in the 2015 VBBL.	Seniors Advisory Committee, City staff on VBBL, CMHC
Fall 2017 - 11/1/2018	Accessible Housing (General) Priorities and Objectives: a) Affordable and Accessible Housing "Roundtable Meetings" b) The Right Fit Pilot Project c) Wheelchair Accessible Housing Standards	Housing subcommittee	a) Organize a half-day workshop on the development and provision of wheelchair-accessible housing; continue to work on standardized template on evaluating current wheelchair-accessible housing stock; continue to work on affordability and availability of wheelchair-accessible co-op housing. b) Connect in a timely manner wheelchair users	Organizations involved in the development and provision of wheelchair-accessible housing; persons who can assist in understanding and influencing Federal Policy on wheelchair-accessible co-op housing; The Right Fit Pilot

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			with affordable, subsidized wheelchair-accessible housing. c) Provide advice and recommendations to the City on housing design needs related to power wheelchairs.	Project partners, City staff on VBBL
2017 - 2018	Establish notification link from City on large-parcel development plans	Housing subcommittee	Early involvement will permit subcommittee to influence and assist in realizing a better development, more able to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.	City planning staff, City project teams
Accessible City				
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Follow-up on last term action items	Accessible City subcommittee: Mary-Jo Fetterly (chair of Accessible City subcommittee), Laura Mackenrot, Jacques Courteau, Anita Rudolph, Zvonimir Basic, Peter Brown	To ensure that the Event Accessibility Guidelines are implemented, and that all outside public toilets already installed by the City are made accessible.	City Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal Services, Engineering
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Working to establish accessible playgrounds, community gardens, gyms, sport facilities, and community centres	Accessible City subcommittee	To maintain a good quality of life, facilitate participation in the community, and enjoy the educational, fitness and community resources that are available to everyone else.	Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Ensuring that all City-owned public buildings targeted for upgrades are also made accessible	Accessible City subcommittee	That accessibility is improved in all City buildings scheduled for upgrades during this period.	City Facilities Planning
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Developing a City of Vancouver Access and Inclusion Strategy	Accessible City subcommittee	PDAC resolution passed on November 17, 2016; need to work with the City to move on developing this Strategy by end of term.	City Planning



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6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Improving the accessibility of the City website	Accessible City subcommittee	Improving the digital presence of the PDAC on the city website, and making the city website available and accessible for all persons with disabilities.	City IT and Corporate Communications groups
6/1/2017 - 11/1/2018	Taking over Pearson Dogwood follow-up when it moves from housing and care to community and infrastructure requirements	Accessible City subcommittee		