



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 5:10 pm, in Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tom Patch, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis*
Peter Brown
Cathy Browne, Co-Chair
Jacques Courteau*
Mary-Jo Fetterly (*via teleconference*)
Brian Gibney
Darcie Kerr
Laura Mackenrot (*via teleconference*)
Jocelyn Maffin
Greg Pyc
Leonor Vlug
Sandy Yee

ABSENT: Paul Gauthier (Leave of Absence)
Daniel Ward (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Stephanie Kripps, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Branca Verde, Staff Liaison
Jill Weiss, Past Chair

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs - 2016

Following due process the following members were elected:

- Paul Gauthier , Co-Chair
- Tom Patch, Co-Chair
- Cathy Browne, Vice-Chair

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Paul Gauthier and Daniel Ward for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Jacques Courteau
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held September 17, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Jacques Courteau

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS

1. Liaison Reports

- Commissioner Wiebe noted he will be bringing a motion before the Park Board on December 4, 2015, regarding mapping out civic facilities and responded to questions.
- Stephanie Kripps noted that she and Tim McMillan have begun an inventory on all accessible devices and software at each branch; next steps include determining whether staff are familiar with the technology and whether it is up to date.

2. CAN connection

Lois Turner, Regional Coordinator, and Glenda Watson, Social Media Coordinator, BC - Communication Access Now (CAN), provided an update on CAN's national campaign to promote accessibility for people who have speech and language disabilities, and CAN's free e-learning modules. They also sought the Committee's feedback on ways the City could implement this program to improve accessibility. Web site: <http://www.communication-access.org/>.

In discussion, points raised included the following:

- the City could require frontline staff to take the free e-learning modules;
- the Seniors Advisory Committee should be updated on this program; and
- could be a great learning module in schools.

Branca Verde, Staff Liaison, agreed to follow-up with the Human Resources Department on how the City could implement this program and report back.

Stephanie Kripps agreed to contact the Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee to arrange for an update.

3. COV Updates

a) Budget presentation

Members who attended the Budget presentation provided an update and responded to questions.

In discussion, it was agreed that input into future budgets should take place sooner and the Chair suggested Finance staff be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the budget cycle and the earliest possible opportunity for input.

Branca Verde, Staff Liaison, agreed to follow-up with Finance staff.

b) Taxi Licences

Report submitted.

c) Event guidelines

Jill Weiss provided a brief update, noting the Accessibility Sub-committee is in the process of reviewing further changes to the event guidelines.

d) Transit network changes

Staff from Strategic Transportation Planning provided an update on TransLink's proposed changes to transit networks in Vancouver and responded to questions.

e) Jim Deva Plaza

Staff from Strategic Transportation Planning provided an update and responded to questions.

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Greg Pyc

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee confirms its support for the development of the Jim Deva Plaza as a community meeting place that also celebrates human rights;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee's support is conditional upon installation of an accessible public toilet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis and Jacques Courteau absent for the vote)

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee authorize the Accessible City Sub-committee to arrange for a representative to speak in support of the Jim Deva Plaza at the December 16, 2015, Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis and Jacques Courteau absent for the vote)

4. Sub-Committees

a) Protocol

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to the next meeting.

b) Reports

i) Accessible City Sub-Committee

This item was referred to the next meeting in order to allow the Park Board to follow-up.

5. New Business

a) Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities

The Committee agreed to write to the Honorable Carla Qualtrough, newly elected Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, to congratulate her and invite her to meet with the Committee to provide an update on the Federal Government's plans under her portfolio. The Chair will draft the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2016
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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