



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2017

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 5:06 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tom Patch, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis
Peter Brown
Cathy Browne, Vice-Chair
Mary-Jo Fetterly
Paul Gauthier, Co-Chair (*via teleconference*)
Brian Gibney
Laura Mackenrot
Jocelyn Maffin*
Leonor Vlug
Daniel Ward

ABSENT: Jacques Courteau (Leave of Absence)
Darcie Kerr (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Kevlahan, VPL Liaison
Kevin Lau, Building Policy

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged that the city of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Mary-Jo Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Jacques Courteau and Darcie Kerr for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jocelyn Maffin absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Brian Gibney

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jocelyn Maffin absent for the vote)

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Mary-Jo Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the special meeting held December 1, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jocelyn Maffin absent for the vote)

1. Liaison Reports

Christopher Kevlahan, VPL Liaison:

- update on flood at main branch; meeting rooms reopen in February;
- Jules Koostachin, 2017 aboriginal storyteller in residence;
- Dementia Friendly City programme.

2. Union-Adanac Corridor Spot Improvements

Staff from the Transportation Planning Branch provided an overview of the project to make walking and cycling safer along the Union-Adanac corridor between Gore Avenue and Kamloops Street, and sought the Committee's input.

In discussion, staff were requested to ensure the Committee has opportunity to provide input as the project progresses.

Upcoming Open Houses on January 21 and 23, 2017. More information at: <http://vancouver.ca/union-adanac>

3. Arbutus Greenway project

Staff from the Arbutus Greenway Project Office provided an overview of the upcoming consultation process for the Arbutus Greenway and sought the Committee's vision.

In discussion, points raised included:

- ensure pathway seams are smooth;
- consider a community environment and involvement in maintaining the greenway (i.e. gardens, landscaping);
- as part of Greenest City, ensure "green" lighting, storm water management and recycling containers are included.

More information at: <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/arbutus-greenway.aspx>.

4. Level Access Pathways

Jill Weiss provided an overview on the City's consultation related to a proposal for level access entrances to all new housing types, noting a staff report on proposed by-law changes is forthcoming and the timeframe for input is tight. She sought the Committee's advice on an approach to respond.

In discussion, it was agreed that a sub-committee be established to determine the best approach.

MOVED by Peter Brown

SECONDED by Mary-Jo Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee establish an Accessible Path of Travel Sub-committee to determine the best approach in responding to the information and recommendations contained in the presentation boards prepared by staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members expressed an interest in participating on the sub-committee:

Tasia Alexis

Peter Brown

Cathy Browne

Jacques Courteau (*to be confirmed*)

Laura Mackenrot

Jocelyn Maffin

Jill Weiss

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to obtain consensus on an approach/response by email.

5. Accessible City Strategy

Mary-Jo Fetterly provided a brief update further to the Committee's motion passed on November 17, 2016, to recommend Council implement an access and inclusion strategy for the City.

6. New Business

a) Transportation

i) HandyDART – Public Consultation

Laura Mackenrot encouraged members to attend a public consultation to receive feedback on how the HandiDART system can move forward. The event will be held at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue downtown on January 18, 2017, registration at 1 pm, session from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

ii) Oakridge Centre Redesign

Ms. Mackenrot also provided a brief update on the Oakridge Centre Redesign, noting the possibility that design boards indicate that there are no drop-off zones for services such as HandyDART.

The Chair will follow-up with staff on this matter.

b) The Right Fit

Paul Gauthier provided a brief update, noting the Vancouver Foundation, in partnership with the City of Vancouver, recently awarded "The Right Fit" pilot project with a grant for three years of funding.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2017
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue

The Committee adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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