



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 5, 2018

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 5:10 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Cathy Browne, Co-Chair
Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis
Caitlin Anderson
Varun Banthia
Peter Brown
Paul Gauthier *via teleconference*
Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair
Anita Rudolph
Leonor Vlug*

ABSENT:

Kristina Baerg (Leave of Absence)
Mary-Jo Fetterly (Leave of Absence)
Chelsea Hitchen
Jocelyn Maffin

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board
Liaison
Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects, Staff
Liaison
Danielle LaFrance, Vancouver Public Library
Paul Storer, Manager, Transportation Design Branch
Eric Mital, Branch Manager, Streets and Electrical
Design

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:**

Denise Swanston, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Anita Rudolph

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kristina Baerg and Mary-Jo Fetterly for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Leonor Vlug absent for the vote.)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Anita Rudolph

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of February 1, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Leonor Vlug absent for the vote.)

1. Subcommittee Reports

a) Accessible City subcommittee

Anita Rudolph, Accessible City subcommittee, provided an overview on

- Single Use Strategy
- Upcoming Accessible Design workshop
- Parks Accessibility and Inclusion workshop
- Accessible Path meeting

b) Housing subcommittee

Paul Gauthier, Housing subcommittee (via teleconference), summarized a meeting with Pearson Dogwood in relation to Parcel C, noting the presentation was well received by the subcommittee and felt their feedback had been taken into account.

The Co-Chairs agreed that a request for further follow up regarding landscape architect should be heard by the whole Committee.

c) Social Inclusion subcommittee

Leonor Vlugg, Social Inclusion subcommittee agreed to follow up with Rosemary Hagiwara, Chief Election Officer, regarding interpreters for the upcoming elections.

d) Transportation subcommittee

Varun Banthia, Transportation subcommittee, reminded members to provide any feedback regarding accessibility of the double decker bus.

It was noted that there are a number of upcoming consultations that are being attended by various members of the Committee: Millennium Line Broadway Extension; new B-line buses; Cambie Street Bridge; West 10th, as well as a parking roundtable hosted by the Vancouver City Planning Commission.

Robyn Newton, Staff Liaison, noted there has been feedback from concerned citizens regarding the removal of parking spaces, and how that will impact persons with disabilities and their caretakers.

2. Liaison Update

Councillor De Genova, Council Liaison, suggested arranging quarterly executive meetings with liaisons and Chairs, as she is often unable to attend the Committee's regular meetings.

Councillor De Genova then provided brief updates on the following:

- Cambie Phase 3
- Yaletown parking regulations

Councillor De Genova thanked Jacques for speaking in support of Councillor Ball's motion regarding curb cuts.

Council minutes are available at:

<https://covapp.vancouver.ca/councilMeetingPublic/CouncilMeetings.aspx>

Robyn Newton, Staff Liaison, informed the Committee that new work is being done to create an "Equity Lens", to encourage all departments to view their work/projects from a lens that ensures equal access for all citizens (including accessibility).

Commission Wiebe, Park Board liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- New Killarney Seniors Centre
- China Creek
- Tatlow Park
- Washrooms in Parks
- Renfrew Ravine's new accessible pathways
 - Commissioner Wiebe agreed to follow up, as Committee has not been consulted.
- Digital mapping of facilities
 - Co-Chairs indicated there is interest in participating/assisting with this project.
- Additional accessible beach mats with increased durability
- Accessible playgrounds

Park Board Committee minutes are available at: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/regular-park-board-meetings.aspx>

Danielle LaFrance, Vancouver Public Library, noted she will be promoting the accessible services offered by the library, as not many people know about them.

- Co-Chair suggested connecting with Social Inclusion subcommittee.

Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair, raised a question to Paul Storer, Transportation Design, regarding the status of the accessible washrooms at Jim Deva Plaza.

- Paul agreed to follow up with Jacques

3. Accessible City Strategy

Following discussion, it was decided that the Co-Chairs would work with Councillor De Genova to craft a motion for Councillor De Genova to bring forward to an upcoming Council meeting.

MOVED by Tasia Alexis

SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee authorizes the Co-Chairs of the Committee to send a letter, in principle, to the City Manager and relevant staff, outlining the need for an Accessibility and Inclusion Strategy in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Transportation Letter

MOVED by Varun Banthia

SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee authorizes the Co-Chairs of the Committee to send a letter to the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission, with copies to TransLink, and the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, outlining concerns and recommendations for any mobility pricing scheme being considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Caitlin Anderson
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2018
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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