



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 2015

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 5:07 pm, in the Town Hall meeting room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tasia Alexis
Peter Brown
Cathy Browne
Jacques Courteau
Mary-Jo Fetterly
Brian Gibney
Darcie Kerr
Laura Mackenrot
Jocelyn Maffin*
Tom Patch
Leonor Vlug
Daniel Ward
Sandy Yee

ABSENT: Greg Pyc (Leave of Absence)
Paul Gauthier

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor George Affleck, Council Liaison
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Stephanie Kripps, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Chris Higgins, Sustainability Group, Staff Liaison
Branca Verde, Planning and Development Services,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Cathy Brown
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Greg Pyc for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jocelyn Maffin absent for the vote)

Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members and staff.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee agreed to postpone election of Chair and Vice-Chair to a future meeting to allow new members to become acquainted with the Committee. Subsequently, members agreed to appoint Interim Co-Chairs.

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee appoint Cathy Browne and Tom Patch as Interim Co-Chairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Tom Patch assumed the Chair.

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2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting on November 27, 2014, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Orientation and Housekeeping Matters

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed roles and responsibilities of committee members.

4. Schedule of Meetings, Attendance and Leave of Absence Requests

The Committee approved the following schedule of meeting dates.

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Room
April	23	5 pm	Regular Meeting	Town Hall
May	21	5 pm	Working Session	Town Hall
June	25	5 pm	Regular Meeting	Town Hall
July	23	5 pm	Working Session	Town Hall
September	17	5 pm	Regular Meeting	Town Hall
October	15	5 pm	Working Session	Town Hall
November	19	5 pm	Regular Meeting	Town Hall
December	10	5 pm	Working Session	Town Hall – Room 116

5. Committee Liaison Updates

(a) Council Liaisons Updates

Councillor De Genova provided a brief background on her involvement in the persons with disabilities community.

Councillor Affleck noted his communications background and that he is looking forward to working with the Committee.

(b) Park Board Liaison Update

Commissioner Wiebe provided updates on a number of topics including ongoing work at community centres, playgrounds, swimming facilities and updating signage.

(c) School Board Liaison Update

None.

(d) Public Library Liaison Update

Stephanie Kripps, Vancouver Public Library Liaison, provided an update on the Vancouver Public Library Outreach Services Review from May 2014, noting Recommendation 4:

Develop a plan to ensure accessible devices and hardware is available in the Library where patrons require them. Liaise with facilities to ensure public spaces are accessible.

(e) Staff Liaisons Updates

Branca Verde, Planning and Development, noted she is eager to liaise with the Committee as needs arise.

Chris Higgins, Sustainability Group, noted his familiarity with the Building Code and the 2014 Building Bylaw surrounding accessibility.

6. Workplan (2015-2017)

Discussion on Committee goals and objectives for the term was postponed to the working session on May 21, 2015.

Tom Patch, Cathy Brown, Tasia Alexis, Laura Mackenrot, along with past chair, Jill Weiss, provided an overview on past work of the Committee and responded to questions.

7. Subcommittees

The Committee agreed to discuss forming subcommittees at their working session on May 21, 2015.

Tom Patch discussed previous subcommittee work revolving around Transportation and Housing.

MOVED by Tom Patch

SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee acknowledge Jill Weiss' outstanding leadership and effort in making this Committee productive and effective during her tenure as Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Mayor's Awards of Excellence Ceremony

Anne Nickerson, EEO, provided a brief background on the upcoming Mayor's Awards of Excellence Ceremony in July 2015.

Danica Djurkovic, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, along Karen Williams, SPARC BC, and Vince Miele, Accessibility Consultant, reviewed plans for the event being held at the Orpheum Theatre and responded to questions.

The Committee agreed to provide comments and questions on the plans for the proposed temporary ramp system for the Orpheum Theatre to Cathy Browne by April 30, 2015. Ms. Browne will then compile input from members and forward comments and questions to Ms. Djurkovic by May 4, 2015.

9. Accessible Taxi Service

This item was postponed to a future meeting, yet to be determined.

10. New Business

Tom Patch briefly noted the absence of signage and way finding at two police buildings and suggested this be considered for addition on a future agenda.

Jocelyn Maffin asked for clarification on the process for adding items for consideration on future agendas. The committee agreed a member could email the Co-Chairs with their ideas or the item could be brought up as a new business item at a meeting.

Daniel Ward encouraged members to vote in the Transit Plebiscite if they had not done so already.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Daniel Ward
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2015
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Town Hall
Main Floor Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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