



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 4, 2017

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 5:34 pm, in Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Cathy Browne, Acting Chair
Tasia Alexis
Kristina Baerg
Varun Banthia
Zvonimir Basic
Peter Brown
Jacques Courteau
Mary-Jo Fetterly*
Paul Gauthier (*via teleconference*)
Chelsea Hitchen
Laura Mackenrot
Leonor Vlug
- ABSENT:** Jocelyn Maffin (Leave of Absence)
Isla Robertson (Leave of Absence)
Anita Rudolph (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects –
Staff Liaison
Daniela Esparó, Vancouver Public Library
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator
Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk (Minutes)

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Varun Banthia

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee elect Cathy Browne and Jacques Courteau as Co-Chairs to commence immediately and end December 3, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Chelsea Hitchen

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee elect Laura Mackenrot as Vice-Chair to commence immediately and end December 3, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Isla Robertson and Anita Rudolf for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Jocelyn Maffin for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings held on March 2, 2017, and April 6, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. West 10th Avenue Corridor - Presentation

Dylan Passmore, Civil Engineer II, and Paul Storer, Senior Branch Head Engineer, presented an update on the West 10th Avenue Corridor project and responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

In discussion, points raised included the following:

- accessible parking spaces and parking meters;
- that accessibility considerations take priority over the retention of trees; and
- the Committee's appreciation of the collaborative process.

The Committee commends staff for the collaborative process with Committees and stakeholders, and hopes this collaborative process will be integrated into best practices going forward on future City projects. It was agreed upon by the Committee that the Chairs would circulate a letter to Mayor and Council praising the Collaborative approach. The letter will be circulated to members of the Committee for feedback in advance of sending it to Mayor and Council.

MOVED by Jacques Courteau
SECONDED by Mary-Joe Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee recommend approval of the 10th Avenue Corridor project as presented to the Committee by staff, at its meeting on May 4, 2017.

FURTHER THAT the Committee authorizes the Co-Chairs of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to present the Committees' recommendations regarding the 10th Avenue Corridor project to Council at the Regular Council meeting to be held on May 16, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Formation of Subcommittees and election of Work Plan discussion

MOVED by Chelsea Hitchen
SECONDED by Varun Banthia

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee create a new Sub-committee titled "Social Inclusion".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Jacques Courteau
SECONDED by: Mary-Joe Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee continue their work on the Accessible City Sub-committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Paul Gauthier
SECONDED by Mary-Joe Fetterly

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee continue their work on the Housing Sub-committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Varun Banthia
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee continue their work on the Transportation Sub-committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Sub-Committees agreed to initiate meetings to begin working on items for the Committee's work plan.

3. New Business

Paul updated the Committee on progress regarding the Pearson site and noted that revised layouts and proposed models of care had been provided to him, and noted that progress seems positive thus far.

Paul also informed the Committee that the YMCA has decided not to partner with Vancouver Coastal Health in regards to the therapeutic pool, but noted VCH will need to provide a therapeutic pool as per the policy agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Zvonimir Basic

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mary-Joe Fetterly absent for the vote)

Upcoming Working Session:

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 6, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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