



**SPECIAL MEETING
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

MINUTES

June 1, 2017

A special meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 5:33 PM, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Cathy Browne, Co-Chair
Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis*
Kristina Baerg
Varun Banthia*
Peter Brown
Mary-Jo Fetterly
Paul Gauthier
Chelsea Hitchen*
Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair
Jocelyn Maffin
Isla Robertson*
Leonor Vlug*

ABSENT: Zvonimir Basic (Leave of Absence)
Anita Rudolph (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Patch, Past Chair

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis, Chelsea Hitchen, Isla Robertson and Leonor Vlug absent for the vote)

1. Approval of 2017 Work Plan

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Varun Banthia

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approved the 2017-2018 Work Plan as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis, Chelsea Hitchen, Isla Robertson and Leonor Vlug absent for the vote)

2. Pearson Dogwood Re-development Application

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At 5:41 pm Varun Banthia declared Conflict of Interest on Item No. 2 as he is a Vancouver Coastal Health employee. He left the room and did not return until the conclusion of the item.

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Paul Gauthier, chair, housing subcommittee, and Tom Patch, past chair of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, provided a brief background on the Pearson Dogwood development application and responded to various questions and comments from the Committee.

MOVED by Paul Gauthier
SECONDED by Peter Brown

WHEREAS:

1. An application has been submitted to the City of Vancouver (the “City”) for rezoning of the Pearson Dogwood lands;
2. A public consultation process is underway;
3. The George Pearson Centre (“GPC”) is being closed and the building demolished;
4. The residents of GPC will be re-housed by Vancouver Coastal Health (“VCH”) on the same site (“VCH Units”);
5. The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, Disability Alliance BC and Pearson Residents Redevelopment Group have agreed to the housing options for Pearson residents (the “Consensus Agreement”);
6. The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee adopted a motion on March 31, 2016, which stated that its support of the rezoning application would be contingent on several conditions being met;
7. The City, VCH and the Developer have subsequently taken steps to address the concerns expressed in those conditions:
 - i. The City will ask their non-profit operating partners to make available up to 10 accessible units to Pearson residents who qualify for social housing. VCH will ensure that necessary supports are funded for that tenant. These units will be in addition to the 114 VCH Units that are part of the rezoning application;
 - ii. At least 5% of all social housing will be “accessible” units in accordance with the City’s Housing Design and Technical Guidelines. City staff will support PDAC’s request that 50% of that accessible housing be designed

for persons using power wheelchairs. The Housing Design and Technical Guidelines do not apply to market housing on the site; however, the adaptable housing provisions of the City's Building Bylaw do apply;

- iii. The rezoning proposal will provide 50 of the VCH Units be developed in Phase 1, 40 in Phase 2, and the remainder in Phases 3-5. The proposal will include language that will permit some variation from the numbers in Phases 2-4, with approval of the City and based on the interests of the residents;
- iv. VCH has identified alternate purposes for the four- and six-person units in the future event that they are not a desired housing option for people with disabilities. These include low threshold/low intensity rehabilitation for people who can rehabilitate in a homelike environment and then transition to more independent living (slow-stream rehabilitation), conversion to supportive housing for seniors or respite. Alternatively, the housing could be sold as a co-housing, cooperative living model;
- v. VCH has developed a care model for Pearson residents, which is described in its Project Overview, that is consistent with the principles of the Consensus Agreement; and,
- vi. Design Guidelines for the development are in progress. City staff will provide some opportunity to PDAC to review them and provide input related to accessibility issues.

8. Plans for a therapeutic pool on the site to replace the Stan Stronge pool have not been finalized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the application to rezone the Pearson Dogwood lands subject to the conditions that:

- A. The VCH Units be developed consistently with the consensus agreement;

- B. The Developer and VCH continue to work with the parties to the consensus agreement to ensure that the VCH Units are designed and supported in accordance with that agreement;
- C. City Staff continue to consult with PDAC to ensure that all public spaces, amenities and facilities on the site, including parks and walkways, the farm, the pool, the community health clinic, public transit and any retail space be designed to maximize inclusion of persons with disabilities and in accordance with principles of universal design and best practices.
- D. The Developer and VCH confirm plans for a therapeutic pool on the site unless they provide plans for a therapeutic pool at another site that demonstrably meets the needs of the Stan Stronge pool user community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee authorizes the Committee co-chairs and/or the chair of the Housing Subcommittee to present the Committee's recommendations to Council.

CARRIED

(Mary-Joe Fetterly opposed)

(Varun Banthia absent for vote due to conflict of interest)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Isla Robertson

SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Varun Banthia absent for vote)

Next Meeting:

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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