



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 6, 2017

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 5:37 pm, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT:

Cathy Browne, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis
Kristina Baerg
Varun Banthia*
Peter Brown
Mary-Jo Fetterly (*via teleconference*)
Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair
Jocelyn Maffin
Anita Rudolph
Leonor Vlug

ABSENT:

Zvonimir Basic (Sick)
Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Paul Gauthier (Leave of Absence)
Chelsea Hitchen (Leave of Absence)
Isla Robertson (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects – Staff Liaison
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Park Board Liaison
Christopher Kevlahan, VPL Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

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The Committee agreed to vary the agenda to deal with Item No. 3b) after Item No. 1. For ease of reference, minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Jacques Courteau, Paul Gauthier, Chelsea Hitchen, and Isla Robertson for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Cathy Browne
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held May 4, 2017, and the Minutes of the Special meeting held June 1, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Pearson Dogwood Development

Mary-Jo Fetterly, Accessible City Subcommittee (*via teleconference*), provided an update on the Pearson Dogwood redevelopment. Discussion ensued regarding the uncertainty of the Stan Stronge pool, and the

exclusion of the Canada Line station at Cambie and 57th Avenue; the application is going forward to Public Hearing later this month. Following discussion it was,

MOVED by Jocelyn Maffin
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee strongly recommends the Vancouver Park Board to partner with Vancouver Coastal Health to include and prioritize the Stan Stronge Pool replacement facility as part of the Vancouver Aquatic Strategy for the benefit of the George Pearson Centre User Group (Pearson User Group); people with disabilities; and residents of Metro Vancouver; subject to the following conditions:

THAT

- the Pearson User Group and people with disabilities have equivalent, dedicated, regular and exclusive access times to the pool and its resources in line with current or improved service levels;
- the new facility be located in a similarly therapeutic setting to the existing pool: above ground on the Pearson site, in a fully wheelchair accessible facility, including adequate natural light from windows, and situated in a quiet setting;
- this partnership continue to provide reduced pricing models for people with disabilities and the Pearson User Group that utilize the pool and its facilities, (such as the Leisure Access Pass Program); and
- such a partnership include an accessible transportation strategy, including adequate HandyDART drop-off access.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Meeting of Advisory Chairs

Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.

3. Subcommittee Updates

a) Housing Subcommittee

Tasia Alexis and Kristina Baerg, Housing Subcommittee, provided an overview of “The Big Conversation” on housing, hosted by the City of Vancouver, and found it encouraging that a variety of people attend. Kristina circulated notes via email (copy on file).

b) Accessible City Subcommittee

Mary-Jo Fetterly, Accessible City Subcommittee (via teleconference), provided a review on the round table of advisory committees hosted by the Vancouver City Planning Commission.

Work is ongoing towards an Accessible City Strategy to aid Vancouver in becoming a fully accessible and inclusive city, (including the City’s website).

c) Transportation Subcommittee

Laura Mackenrot, Transportation Subcommittee, provided an update on the Transportation 2040 meeting and re-iterated concern and frustration regarding TransLink not including washrooms in transit stations. Wayfinding, dual elevators, extra benches and accessible drop-off areas were also noted as desired features for transit stations.

Commissioner Wiebe noted that Parks currently has accessible porta-potties located throughout Vancouver, but is looking at replacing the temporary structures to permanent, built, accessible washrooms.

d) Social Inclusion Subcommittee

Leonor Vlug, Social Inclusion Subcommittee, is involved in a focus group with the Provincial Health Services Authority, and circulated an email requesting the Committee help her define what social inclusion means to an individual as well as to the community.

4. PDAC Calendar of Events

Due to time constraints this item was tabled.

5. Presentation – West 10th Avenue Corridor

Dylan Passmore, presented an update on the West 10th Avenue Corridor project and responded to questions and comments from the Committee, the following topics were discussed:

- Concerns regarding trees, including falling leaves, sightlines, spacing of trees and material used in well of trees, as well as ongoing maintenance and care.
- Staff noted there will be a Construction communication team throughout the process in order to assure the site is accessible throughout the construction phase.
- Dylan noted they will be testing accessible intersection design features.
- Commendations for staff's patience and attention throughout this process were emphasized.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Peter Browne
SECONDED by Kristina Baerg

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Varun Banthia absent for vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 7, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room,
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Working Session:

DATE: October 26, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1,
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:56 pm

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