



## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**November 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 5:14 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Cathy Browne, Co-Chair  
Jacques Courteau, Co-Chair  
Tasia Alexis  
Varun Banthia  
Peter Brown  
*Mary Jo Fetterly, via teleconference*  
*Paul Gauthier, via teleconference*  
Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair  
Anita Rudolph  
Leonor Vlug\*
- ABSENT:** Caitlin Anderson, Leave of Absence  
Chelsea Hitchen, Leave of Absence  
Jane Vorbrod, Medical Leave
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board Liaison  
Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects, Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

## **WELCOME**

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

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Varun Banthia  
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Caitlin Anderson and Chelsea Hitchen for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Leonor Vlug absent for the vote.)

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Tasia Alexis  
SECONDED by Anita Rudolph

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Leonor Vlug absent for the vote.)

## **1. Accessible City Strategy Update**

Robyn Newton, Social Policy and Projects, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the progress of the Accessibility Strategy, noting that the taskforce currently consists of two members of each of the following committees: Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC), Seniors Advisory Committee, and the Persons with Lived Experience Advisory Group.

- The Committee decided that, in addition to the two members initially appointed to the taskforce, (Mary Jo Fetterly and Peter Brown), two additional members would also be appointed to ensure, as previously discussed, that PDAC had a greater number of representatives on the taskforce to ensure the strategy's focus remains on accessibility in the city. As such, Tasia Alexis and Anita Rudolph were appointed, with Jacques Courteau and Cathy Browne available as alternates (to be re-visited once the new Council determines the make-up of Advisory Bodies.)

Ms. Newton, shared the upcoming agenda for the first Accessibly City Strategy Taskforce, noting the group will work together to create the draft vision, guiding principles, as well as discuss stakeholder engagement opportunities.

## **2. Subcommittee Reports**

Jacques requested the chairs of subcommittees provide him a report of work done over the past term, so he can amalgamate and provide the information to the incoming Council.

- Varun Banthia agreed to circulate an example to subcommittee chairs.

Ms. Newton suggested compiling key issues that the current PDAC would like the future PDAC to be aware of.

### **a) Accessible City subcommittee**

Mary Jo Fetterly, Chair, Accessible City subcommittee, provided a summary of the subcommittee's accomplishments over the past term, highlighting the following:

- Successfully advocating to the City to develop an Accessible City Strategy
- Pearson Redevelopment (non-housing issues)
- Completion of the Accessible Event Guidelines
- Ongoing accessibility issues related to Jim Deva Plaza
- Encouraging School Board to include accessibility upgrades in conjunction with seismic upgrades
- Collaboration with the Park Board on various accessibility upgrades

- Countless hours spent on various City engagement meetings and groups

## **b) Housing subcommittee**

Paul Gauthier, Chair, Housing subcommittee, provided a summary of the subcommittee's accomplishments over the past term, highlighting the following:

- Housing roundtable - initiated by PDAC in partnership with the Disability Alliance
- Ongoing advocacy with BC Housing
- Meetings to advocate for various accessibility initiatives in the Pearson Redevelopment
- Right Fit pilot project with Disability Alliance BC
- Accessible Path of Travel Policy Review
  - Councillor De Genova agreed to talk to staff to see what can be done in the interim, and agreed to follow up regardless if she's the Committee's liaison or not.

## **c) Social Inclusion subcommittee**

Tasia Alexis, Chair, Social Inclusion subcommittee, provided a summary of the subcommittee's accomplishments over the past term, highlighting the following:

- Meetings with Elections staff to ensure accessibility throughout the election
- Meetings with Creative City Strategy staff
- Community inclusion Forum,
- Training session on intersectionality

## **d) Transportation subcommittee**

Varun Bantia, Chair, Transportation subcommittee, provided a summary of the subcommittee's accomplishments over the past term, highlighting the following:

- Advocating for public washrooms at transit stations
- Participating on the Transportation 2040
- TransLink

- Motions related to Millennium Line Broadway Extension
- Advocating for RFID fare gates
- Additional HandyDART pick up/drop off locations
  - Feedback and suggestions on new HandyDART service provider
- 10th Avenue Hospital precinct construction
- Letters regarding mobility pricing
- Advocating for similar streetscapes throughout lower mainland
- Advocating for accessibility within the Oakridge redevelopment
- Various other City engagement meetings and groups

### **3. New Business**

Laura Mackenrot, Vice-chair, conducted a roundtable of thanks to staff and committee members.

Leonor Vlugg shared a letter of thanks to members, staff and interpreters.

Councillor De Genova thanked everyone on the Committee for going above and beyond.

### **Adjournment**

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot  
SECONDED by Cathy Browne

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:** *As Committee members are appointed until November 4, 2018, this was the Committee's final Regular meeting of term.*

The Committee adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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