



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2020

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on June 11, 2020, at 5:35 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Peter Brown, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis
Caitlin Anderson
Alfiya Battalova
Cathy Browne, Co-Chair
Michelle Chakraborti
Sarah Cheung
Michael Frazer
Paul Gauthier
Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair
Anita Rudolph
Jane Vorbrodt
Jill Weiss

ABSENT: Leslie Benisz
Anita Rudolph (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Michael Wiebe, Council Liaison
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Vancouver
Park Board Liaison
Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design
Branch, Staff Liaison

GUEST: Jacque Courteau, Past Persons with
Disabilities Advisory Committee Chair

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:** Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Co-Chair, Peter Brown, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Michelle Chakraborti

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2020, and March 12, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Motions

The Co-Chair introduced the following motions for the Committee's consideration.

a. SPARC BC – Geomapping Project

MOVED by Peter Brown
SECONDED by Jill Weiss

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee refer the item entitled "SPARC BC – Geomapping Project" to the next regular meeting to be held on September 10, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Stanley Park – Exploring Options to Reduce Motor Vehicle Traffic

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Jane Vorbrodt

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve retroactively, the letter submitted to the Park Board on Monday, June 8, 2020, regarding the motion entitled "Exploring Options to Reduce Motor Vehicle Traffic in Stanley Park" which was being considered at the June 8, 2020, Park Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to hear item 4 a) Liaison Updates as the next order of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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4. Liaison Updates

a) Stanley Park – Update Request

Peter Brown, Co-Chair, addressed Park Board Commissioner McKinnon and Councillor Wiebe with respect to the Park Board motion, which was passed on June 8, 2020, expressing Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee's concern and disappointment in not being advised about the proposed motion and meeting. Several members spoke of their displeasure with the passed motion, identifying it as a human rights issue and noting concerns with accessibility issues, which will likely arise for persons with disabilities, as well as seniors and young families. The position of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee is the park should remain as accessible to all citizens as it was before the pandemic, with two lanes of motor vehicle traffic. Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee awaits full and meaningful consultation by the Park Board with respect to the proposed traffic pattern study, however, full access to the park and the human rights of people with disabilities should be maintained in the meantime.

Commissioner Mackinnon, Park Board Liaison, provided a Stanley Park update, which included clarifying the intention of the motion on exploring options to reduce motor vehicle traffic in Stanley Park, and the Park Board staff report on the phased re-opening of the park.

Councillor Wiebe, Council Liaison, provided feedback on the Stanley Park motor vehicle traffic lane reopening, the park's historical significance, the intention for increased accessibility in the park, and the implementation of the Park Board staff traffic management study.

Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library, provided updates on phase 2 of the gradual re-opening of the central library, which included a public computer lab, takeout orders, and an increase to the digital library collection of eBooks and audiobooks. Karen also noted an upcoming virtual event on Indigenous storytelling, which will be held on June 18, 2020.

2. Universal and Inclusive Design (Feasibility Study)

Danica Djurkovic, Director of Facilities, Planning and Development, provided opening remarks. Venus Vane, Project Manager, Facilities Planning, along with Aiden Callison, and Fiona Jones, Consultants, HCMA Architecture + Design, presented their completed study in support of Capital Plan Project upgrades to identify, and prioritize work required to renovate, upgrade, and remove barriers in 31 City-owned facilities, to improve accessibility and provide universal and inclusive design. The participation and lived experience of Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee members throughout the project was noted as an important aspect of the project's success, while also providing a learning opportunity to project members on accessibility. Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee acknowledges the outstanding job done by the project team in collecting and amassing this valuable information.

3. Mobility and Public Life Response and Recovery Initiatives

Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design, noted that a presentation on mobility and public life response and recovery initiatives will be provided at the next Accessible City Subcommittee meeting on July 7, 2020.

5. Food Policy Statement Update

Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair, shared information on her attendance of the Food Policy Council meeting held on June 4, 2020.

6. Jeanette Anderson Street Naming Proposal Update

Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair, noted that the date of the next Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting is June 29, 2020. Tasia Alexis, and Paul Gauthier, provided feedback on the Jeanette Anderson street naming proposal. Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design, will assist in coordinating a meeting between the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

7. George Pearson Centre Update

Paul Gauthier provided an update on the current issues with the George Pearson Centre parking. Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design, provided a response, and agreed to meet with Paul Gauthier at a future date to further discuss.

8. Accessibility Strategy Task Force

Peter Brown, Co-Chair, provided an overview of the vacant volunteer role, including the time commitment involved. The Committee agreed to Jill Weiss being the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee's alternate representative on the Accessibility Strategy Task Force.

9. Subcommittee Updates

a. Accessible City

Alfiya Battalova provided an update on the Accessible City Subcommittee's meeting with Danica Djurkovic, Director of Facilities, Planning and Development, and her team in May to discuss the Hornby public space project, and provide recommendations on improving the marking of the stairs in that area.

Jacques Courteau, past Persons with Disabilities Advisory Chair, was invited to provide an overview of the electric charging stations in Vancouver from an accessibility perspective. Jacques also delivered a similar presentation at the federal level, as part of the National Access Ability Week.

b. Housing

i) Home Support for Disabilities

None.

c. Transportation

i) Driver Training/Limos/Ride Hailing Consultation Update

Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair, provided an update, which included an overview of the virtual meeting with the Passenger Transportation Branch, within the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

d. Social Inclusion

None.

10. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Jill Weiss
SECONDED by Laura Mackenrot

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 10, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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