



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2020

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:34 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Peter Brown, Co-Chair
Laura Mackenrot, Co-Chair
Tasia Alexis
Caitlin Anderson
Alfiya Battalova
Leslie Benisz*
Michelle Chakraborti
Sarah Cheung
Michael Frazer
Paul Gauthier
Anita Rudolph
Jane Vorbrod

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Michael Wiebe, Council Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School
Board Liaison
Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design
Branch, Staff Liaison
Michael Marousek, Park Board Liaison
Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible
Services, Vancouver Public Library Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:**

Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Alfiya Battalova

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 12, and December 10, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Co-Chair, Peter Brown, thanked Kathy Bengston, outgoing Committee Clerk, for her support and service to the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, over the past seventeen months.

Alfiya Battalova, informed the Committee of her UBC post-doctoral project, which includes data collection from Metro Vancouver disability advisory committees. Alfiya will forward the project information to the Committee Members.

1. Broadway Subway Project and Broadway Plan Burrard SkyTrain Station – Update

Steve Brown, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, provided a presentation on the “Broadway Subway Project Stations”, which included the Design Advisory Process (DAP) and timeline, station renderings, the general station features, such as features for the persons’ with disabilities community, and the out of DAP scope features which are elevators and washrooms.

Andrew Misiak, Communications Coordinator, Public Engagement, and Iona Bonamis, Planner, Transportation Planning Branch, provided a presentation on the “Broadway Plan: Emerging Directions”, which included station priorities, the vision for the street, along with great street elements.

The Manager, Rapid Transit Office, noted that the Burrard SkyTrain Station update would be provided at a future meeting. Staff responded to several questions and comments addressing the displeasure Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee continues to express over the lack of proper publicly available, universally accessible gender-neutral washrooms and paired elevators within the stations of the Millennium Broadway Extension. The Co-Chair, Peter Brown, thanked staff for their informative presentations.

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The Committee agreed to hear Item 3 a) and b) Motions as the next order of business. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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3. Motions

a) Jeanette Anderson Street Renaming

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by Paul Gauthier

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) supports the recommendation by the Civic Asset Naming Committee to name a street on the Pearson-Dogwood site in honor of Jeanette Anderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Elevator Maintenance Vancouver Buildings

MOVED by Sarah Cheung
SECONDED by Caitlin Anderson

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) support the Vancouver City Council motion to “ensure that people with health and mobility issues have protection and support when elevators break down.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Climate Emergency Action Plan – Parking Initiatives

Lysa Morishita, and Christopher Darwent, Civil Engineers II, both with Parking Management, provided a presentation on the “Climate Emergency Parking Initiatives”, which included the action plan, the six big moves, off-street and on-street recommendations, current conditions, the rationale for the change, key considerations for people with disabilities, and the timeline and next steps. Staff responded to various questions and concerns voiced by Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee members pertaining to how diminished on and off street parking will have significant impacts on persons with disabilities, which require due consideration by the City. The Co-Chairs thanked the staff for their informative presentation.

The project hub, including a survey, can be found here:
www.shapeyourcity.ca/parking

4. Liaison Updates

Trustee, Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison, reported on the December 14, 2020, School Board meeting:

- The VSB 2021/22 budget timeline was finalized, with approval by the end of April; and
- Policy 21, Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination, was updated following review by an independent expert.

In addition:

- The amended 2020/21 budget will be considered in February. There is concern about loss in revenue from International students and rentals, as well as whether additional costs were incurred Sept-Dec 2020; and
- The draft 2020 Long Range Facilities Plan is being considered at committee and is targeted for approval this month.

Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library (VPL), provided an update on the upcoming online courses, “Tax Tips for People with Disabilities and Their Families” on February 10, and “Do it Yourself Taxes for People with Disabilities” on February 25. Karen will email the course information to the Co-Chairs.

Paul Storer, Director, Transportation Design, provided an update on the Jeanette Anderson Street Renaming Proposal, which is scheduled for Council, February 19.

5. Sub-committee Updates

a. Accessible City

The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for February 2.

b. Housing

None.

c. Social Inclusion

None.

d. Transportation

None.

6. New Business

(a) City Virtual Events

The Co-Chair, Laura Mackenrot, reminded the Committee of the following City virtual events: Anti-racism and Cultural Redress Working Group Series, and the Climate Emergency Action Plan session, scheduled for February 16.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Caitlin Anderson
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Leslie Benisz absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 04, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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