



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 9, 2021

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:36 pm via WebEx.

PRESENT: Tasia Alexis*
Caitlin Anderson
Alfiya Battalova*
Denny Bilac
Peter Brown (Co-Chair)
Amelia Cooper
Jacques Courteau (Vice-Chair)
Salina Dewar
Michael Frazer
Paul Gauthier*
Yat Li*
Laura Mackenrot (Co-Chair)
Chris Morrissey

ABSENT: April Bellia
Michelle Chakraborti (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Michael Wiebe, Council Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison
Paul Storer, Director, Transportation (Staff Liaison)
Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver
Public Library
Allen McLean (Captioner)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

* 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

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Michelle Chakraborti.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

a) March 4, 2021

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 4, 2021, as circulated.

(Caitlin Anderson and Salina Dewar abstained from the vote)*

**New Committee members, not present for the March 4, 2021 Committee meeting*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) July 15, 2021

MOVED by Caitlin Anderson
SECONDED by Alfiya Battalova

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of July 15, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

Following the approval of minutes, it was

*MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED Alfiya Battalova*

THAT the Committee vary the agenda to add the motion "Stan Stronge Therapy Pool" as 3(b) after motion, 3(a) Budget Consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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1. Climate Emergency Parking Program Presentation

Engineering Staff presented on the item; following the presentation, the Committee expressed concerns. Engineering Staff and Staff Liaison responded to questions and concerns regarding timing provisions and exemptions. Considerations may be included in the upcoming staff report to Council.

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VARY AGENDA

Following Item 1, "Climate Emergency Parking Program Presentation", it was

*MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED Peter Brown*

THAT THE Committee vary the agenda to deal with Item 3, "Committee Motions", Item 4, "Discussion of New Provincial Vaccine and Mask Mandates" and Item 5 "Liaison Updates", before Item 2, "Renter Services Centre Consultation".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: for clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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3. Committee Motions

a. Budget Consultation

The Co-Chair, Laura Mackenrot introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee send a letter to the offices of Civic Engagement and Communications and Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management, detailing concerns surrounding the 2022 budget consultation process, and recommendations for future engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Stan Stronge Therapy Pool

The Co-Chair, Laura Mackenrot introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

MOVED by Laura Mackenrot
SECONDED by Paul Gauthier

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee authorize the co-chairs to write a letter to Vancouver Coastal Health regarding Stan Stronge Therapy Pool.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: Context and background were briefly discussed during the Committee meeting. There are no written supplementary materials in relation to the above motions.

4. Discussion of New Provincial Vaccine and Mask Mandates

The Co-Chair, Laura Mackenrot introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

The Committee expressed difficulties in obtaining vaccination QR codes or vaccination passport for people with disabilities.

Following discussions, Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided an update and advised that Public Libraries have been coordinating and assisting the Public with obtaining the vaccination QR codes and vaccination passports.

5. Liaison Updates

Council and Transportation Staff Liaison provided brief introductions and welcomed new and existing Committee members.

Vancouver School Board Trustee provided an update that all Public Health Orders and Vancouver Coastal Health Safety Guidelines are in place at every school. On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Vancouver School Board Staff were engaged in anti-racism training.

Vancouver Public Library Liaison, in addition to providing an update on how public library staff have been engaging and assisting the public with obtaining the vaccination QR code or vaccination passport, a brief update was also provided on library programs and activities that were on hold due to the pandemic and hoping some of them will be resuming in the fall.

2. Renter Services Centre Consultation

Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Planning Staff presented on the item; following the presentation, the Committee engaged in discussions. The Committee expressed interest and concerns on location, accessibility and collaborative opportunities with existing co-ops.

Following discussions, ACCS Planning Staff welcomed additional questions on the related topic via email. The link to the related survey and additional information on upcoming workshops were also recirculated to Committee members.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Committee Member, Alfiya Battalova provided a brief update to the Accessible City subcommittee. She has been reelected as Chair and that the subcommittee is hoping to bring forward recommendations to adding more benches around the City.

There were no updates from the Housing, Transportation or Social Inclusion Subcommittees.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Chris Morrissey
SECONDED by Amelia Cooper

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tasia Alexis, Alfiya Battalova, Paul Gauthier and Yat Li absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Tentatively WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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