



## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**November 18, 2021**

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 5:36 pm in Joe Wai Meeting Room, City Hall, and via Webex.

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

**ABSENT:** Denny Bilac  
Paul Gauthier (Leave of Absence)  
Nathan Bragg (Medical Leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Michael Wiebe, Council Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison  
Paul Storer, Director, Transportation (Staff Liaison)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies  
Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

### WELCOME

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

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Chris Morrissey  
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Paul Gauthier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2021**

The Committee agreed by consensus to postpone approval of the minutes from September 9, 2021 to the next regular meeting.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Caitlin Anderson  
SECONDED by Michelle Chakraborti

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the November 18, 2021, regular meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Accessible Strategy Report**

Jacques Courteau and Peter Brown updated the Committee on work completed after the Accessible Strategy Report was presented to Council in 2018, and directed questions and concerns to Councillor Wiebe.

### **2. Discussion about Standardized Accessibility within the GVRD**

Jacques Courteau and Peter Brown discussed a lack of standardized accessibility within the GVRD and asked Councillor Wiebe to bring this issue up at a Council meeting.

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VARY AGENDA

*The Committee agreed to vary the agenda to address the following items next:*

6. *Liaison Updates*
4. *Work Plan Approval*
5. *2022 Schedule Approval*

*For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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## 6. Liaison Updates

Councillor Wiebe provided the updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- Council passed a motion making standing on the Council meetings optional. Staff will report back on the history of standing in Council meetings.
- Budget and funding for Committee priorities.

## 4. Work Plan Approval

MOVED by Jacques Courteau  
SECONDED by Michael Frazer

THAT The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee adopts the 2021-2022  
Work  
Plan as circulated

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. 2022 schedule approval

MOVED by Caitlin Anderson  
SECONDED by Peter Brown

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the  
2022 meeting schedule below:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Webex/Hybrid
January	20	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Hybrid
February	17	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
March	10	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Hybrid
April	14	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
May	5	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Hybrid
June	16	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
July	14	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Hybrid
August	18	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex

September	15	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Hybrid
October	6	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex

All meetings take place on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Regular Meetings will be clerked by the Committee Clerk for the public record.

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### 3. TransLink Presentation

TransLink Staff:

- Stephen Newhouse, Lead Planner, Bus Speed and Reliability
- Sonia Takhar, Senior Communications and Engagement Lead
- Juliana Craig, Communications Advisor

City of Vancouver Staff:

- Steve Brown, Manager, Transit Integration and Projects Branch
- Carol Kong, Senior Transit Engineer
- Jessica Lam, Transit Implementation Engineer

TransLink staff presented on bus stop balancing on lines 4 and 7. Subsequently, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee members voiced their numerous concerns on this matter, which include:

- There appears to have been a lack of meaningful consultation and collaboration towards identifying and incorporating the interests of persons with disabilities with respect to any accessibility concerns arising from the proposed relocation of the bus stops in question.
- Concerns involving the ability to access such locations, including the proposed new distance between bus stops, the slope of the path of travel and the condition of the sidewalk pavement within the affected areas has not been considered, from an accessibility point of view.
- There is a need to have on site visits by those who have lived experience of accessibility issues to those affected locations of bus stop relocation.

TransLink and City Staff responded to members' questions and concerns.

### 6. Liaison Updates

Janet Fraser will circulate update via email.

Karen Liebel circulated a comprehensive VPL update prior to the meeting.

**7. Subcommittee Reports**

Postponed to a future meeting.

**8. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Tasia Alexis

SECONDED by Caitlin Anderson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, January 20, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Joe Wai Meeting Room, City Hall;  
Webex

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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