



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 6, 2025

A meeting of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 5:47 pm in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Peter Brown, Chair*
Tasia Alexis
John Atoyebi
Vikram Bubber
Mikeal Frazer
Niloofer Hedayati
Tommy Leung
Adam Roper*
Casey Skinner
Sarah van Baarsen*

ABSENT: Salina Dewar, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Avery Shannon (Medical Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Tom Digby, Park Board Liaison
Sgt. Jim Prasobsin, Vancouver Police Department Liaison
Jennifer Streckmann, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Paul Storer, Director, Transportation; Staff Liaison
Laura Mackenrot, Former Co-Chair, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Manager, Civic Agencies acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Tommy Leung
SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

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

Salina Dewar for the meeting on March 6, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Peter Brown, Adam Roper and Sarah van Baarsen absent for the vote.)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by John Atoyebi

SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, January 9, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Peter Brown, Adam Roper and Sarah van Baarsen absent for the vote.)

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Peter Brown

SECONDED by Tasia Alexis

THAT the Committee vary the agenda to deal with item 5. New Business, prior to item 2. Accessible Housing Discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND

BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Adam Roper and Sarah van Baarsen absent for the vote.)

For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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1. Chair/ Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Mikeal Frazer

SECONDED by John Atoyebi

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee appoint Peter Brown as Committee Chair for a term ending December 31, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Adam Roper and Sarah van Baarsen absent for the vote.)

MOVED by Peter Brown

SECONDED by John Atoyebi

THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee appoint Salina Dewar as

Committee Vice-Chair for a term ending December 31, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Adam Roper and Sarah van Baarsen absent for the vote.)

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At this point in the meeting, Peter Brown assumed the Chair.

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6. New Business

Staff from Development, Building and Licensing provided a presentation titled “Proposed Approach for the Vancouver Building By-Law,” and responded to questions and comments.

The Chair requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled on April 10, 2025, for the purpose of considering a related recommendation motion to Council.

2. Accessible Housing Discussions

Postponed to a future meeting due to staff availability.

3. Working Session Update

Postponed to a future meeting.

4. Liaison Updates

Liaison updates were circulated ahead of the meeting. The Staff Liaison and Park Board Liaison provided additional updates.

5. Subcommittee Updates

Postponed to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Tasia Alexis
SECONDED by John Atoyebi

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 8, 2025
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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