

# NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT 5:09 P.M.  
DNV Municipal Hall, Meeting Room B  
355 West Queens, North Vancouver, BC**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jean Chambers, Chair  
Janet Becker  
Linda Braukmann  
Christy Campbell  
Aranka Lukacs  
Debby Speight  
Glenda Tennyson  
Rosamund van Leeuwen  
Councillor Michael Lewis, DWV  
Councillor Mike Little, DNV (5:39pm)

**STAFF:** Phil Chapman, Staff Support, DNV (6:17pm)  
Claudia Freire, Staff Liaison, DWV  
Alex Kurnicki, Staff Liaison, CNV  
Lindsay Hoeberechts, Committee Clerk, DNV

**ABSENT:** Greg Travers, with regret

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The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm. There was a quorum present.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the table.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no objection, it was agreed the Agenda be approved as amended:

Added under Item 6.9: Disabled Parking

Added as Item 12: Paralympics

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOVED** by Ros Van Leeuwen, seconded by Debby Speight and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

“**THAT** the Public Minutes of the ACDI meeting held October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

**Action:** *Claudia Freire to forward details on the underground parking review to Ms. Tennyson, Ms. Chambers and Mr. Bannister.*

Ms. Freire advised that there has been no further follow-up to date on the underground parking review.

**Action:** *Jean Chambers to email John Neuman with information on the Taxi Driver Training Session.*

Ms. Chambers advised that she attended the Taxi Driver Training Session in Burnaby and may attend a similar session in Richmond. She circulated to members copy of a brochure, published by the Richmond Centre for Disability, outlining its Taxi Driver Training Program.

#### 5. COUNCIL WATCH

##### 5.1 City of North Vancouver

Ms. Speight advised as follows:

- The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Grant for Keith Road Greenway has been approved.
- The City of North Vancouver Council, at its October 26, 2009 meeting, approved "The Sustainable City Award" to raise awareness of the need to consider and address the social, economic and environmental implications of projects and initiatives in the community in an integrated manner.
- There are many multi-unit residential buildings dating pre-1992 in the City of North Vancouver with outdated fire and life safety systems. The CNV has established a Task Group to review these buildings and ascertain the status of their fire and life safety systems.  
*(Ms. Chambers noted that all three North Shore municipalities provide and install free smoke detectors for the disabled.)*
- The CNV is considering the Carriage House Guidelines Option #3.

**Action:** **Mr. Kurnicki to research a study that the CNV has undertaken on the potential for pay on-street parking in the Shipyards Historic Precinct.**

##### 5.2 District of North Vancouver

Ms. Lukacs advised as follows:

- She attended a Spirit Trail Workshop, which reviewed the portion of the Trail along Welch Avenue and First Street. There will be a follow-up Workshop in November.
- The DNV Visioning Summit will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the District Hall from 6:00pm – 9:30pm.
- The final presentation of the Fromme Road Traffic Calming Project will be made to Council, after the Christmas Break.

### **5.3 District of West Vancouver**

Ms. Chambers advised as follows:

- She attended the event titled “Discover West Vancouver 2010” on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at which Ms. Cathy Priestner Allinger addressed her years of experience of being involved in Olympic Games. Ms. Priestner Allinger is Executive Vice President of the Sport and Games Operations Division and Technology Division at VANOC, making her responsible for overall operations of the Games. She spoke of events surrounding the Special Olympics and outlined some of the activities which will hub out of the West Vancouver Community Centre.

*The Chair called for a short recess at 5:28pm and the meeting reconvened at 5:31pm.*

## **6. NEW OR ON-GOING BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Renewing Vision for ACDI**

Janet Becker referred to her emailed Report and highlighted the item pertaining to a proposed name change for the Committee. The suggestion is to change the Committee's name from the *North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI)* to the *North Shore Physical Access Advisory Committee (NSPAAC)*.

Discussion ensued as follows:

- Not every disability is a physical one.
- Does the current name represent all the members of the Committee?
- There may be some confusion in the community as to the functions of ACDI.
- It was suggested that the change be to *North Shore Universal Access Advisory Committee (NSUAAC)*. This would represent access for everyone.
- BC's Provincial Guidelines do not meet the requirements for universal access.
- In preparation for accessibility for the Paralympics, VANOC is adopting the principles of universal design for its venues as, although the BC Housing Code meets access requirements, it does not meet them sufficiently for VANOC's standards.
- It was suggested that prospective members apply to ACDI because the name suggests that the Committee is focused on physical disability issues.
- The name of the Committee should be focused around the key word “accessibility”.
- The goal always is to work with individuals of all disabilities – physical and cognitive.
- Primarily, the Committee currently addresses physical disabilities more than other disabilities.
- Although few municipal decisions focus on cognitive disabilities when making decisions, such forms of disabilities are not disregarded.

Glenda Tennyson advised that the deadline for a decision on a potential name change for the Committee is February 2010.

## **6.2 2009 Annual Report and 2010 Work Plan**

The Chair reminded members to provide input into the 2009 Annual Report. This item, together with the 2010 Work Plan, will be discussed at the November meeting.

## **6.3 Review of Subcommittees/Working Groups**

The Chair advised that, due to personal health reasons, John Bannister has tendered his resignation from the Committee. However, Mr. Bannister has indicated that he is willing to assist in any areas where his knowledge or expertise would be helpful.

Due to Mr. Bannister's resignation, prior to the end of the current year, the Chair advised that a new Vice-Chair must be appointed.

**MOVED** by Rosamund van Leeuwen, seconded by Glenda Tennyson and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

**"THAT** the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues appoints Janet Becker as Vice-Chair of the Committee for October 2009 and Aranka Lukacs as Vice-Chair of the Committee for November 2009."

Mr. Phil Chapman, DNV Staff Liaison, will be handling the 2010 recruitment process. The Chair referred members to the document circulated with the Minutes' packages titled "Executive Committee, Subcommittees and Working Groups" – *Attachment 6.3*. Members reviewed the various groups and member assignments were made.

**Action: Rosamund van Leeuwen to arrange a meeting with Councillor Mike Little and Dorit Mason of the North Shore Emergency Office to discuss emergency preparedness issues.**

**Action: Claudia Freire to contact the District of West Vancouver Planning Staff re flagging of the Evelyn Drive Development for review by ACDI.**

**Action: Rosamund van Leeuwen to forward to Phil Chapman and Alex Kurnicki copy of the Measuring Up Policy adopted by the District of West Vancouver, together with the accompanying brochure.**

*Claudia Freire left the meeting at 6:30pm.*

## **6.4 Current Budget Status and Needs for 2010**

This item was deferred to the November meeting.

## **6.5 Ideas for Guest Speakers Series**

It was suggested that a representative from SPARC be invited to address the Committee early in 2010.

## **6.6 Next Steps for NV Measuring Up**

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that more North Shore parks need to be reviewed in 2010.

### **6.7 OCP Involvement**

Aranka Lukacs advised that she has attended various workshops for the District of North Vancouver OCP Review and will report back to the Committee on the upcoming Visioning Summit at the November meeting.

### **6.8 Christmas Party**

Jean Chambers reported that she spoke with staff at the Marina Grill, who advised that the restaurant was completely accessible and a private room would be available for the Committee for its Christmas event. The tentative date is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed date and time for the Christmas Social.

**Action: Jean Chambers to research alternative times and dates for the Committee's Christmas Social and email members with further information.**

### **6.9 Disabled Parking**

Debby Speight advised that she has not heard back from the District of North Vancouver regarding the proposed improvements to available designated parking spaces. Mr. Chapman suggested that the Working Group consider wording options for the new signs and meet with the District Staff responsible for signs. He also suggested that the same signage be erected in the City of North Vancouver.

Mr. Chapman also advised that the District of North Vancouver Staff will be designating 4 additional parking stalls, as part of their regular work schedule:

- William Griffin Recreation Centre - two new stalls on West Queens Road and two additional spots in the east parking lot.
- These new designated parking stalls will be signed for limited hours to coordinate with the programming for individuals with disabilities.

**Action: Ms. Speight to forward to Phil Chapman any further requests regarding designated parking spaces.**

**Action: Ms. Speight to contact Alex Kurnicki on the issue of designated parking spaces in the City of North Vancouver.**

The Chair advised that, as there is no City of North Vancouver Councillor currently sitting on the Committee, CNV Mayor Darrell Mussatto will be attending the November meeting and has also agreed to attend between 2-3 meetings during 2010.

## **7. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **7.1 Recruitment**

The Chair advised that the 2010 Recruitment Poster and letter have been sent to various agencies in the community.

## **7.2 Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)**

Rosamund van Leeuwen advised that she is meeting with David Williams from the City of North Vancouver next week to review the new Accessible Pedestrian Signal at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Georges Avenue. Ms. van Leeuwen also noted that the 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Lonsdale APS, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lonsdale APS, are both operational.

The District of North Vancouver will not be undertaking any further APS installations under their 2009 Work Schedule.

Ms. Speight reported that the Ministry of Transportation has installed blacktop at the highway intersection of Lonsdale and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, from the edge of the sidewalk to the pole, to remove any tripping hazard.

## **7.3 Transportation**

This item was deferred to the November meeting. Aranka Lukacs noted that there is a new ferry pilot project running from West Vancouver to Downtown Vancouver.

## **7.4 Publications**

Mr. Chapman advised that the Accessible Literature Brochure requires updating, if the Committee intends to reproduce it. Currently, there is funding available in the Committee's 2009 Budget to reprint the Brochure or, if the Committee prefers, it could adapt the West Vancouver Measuring Up Brochure for a wider audience.

**Action: Rosamund van Leeuwen to contact Claudia Freire and arrange for the West Vancouver Measuring Up Brochure to be forwarded to Phil Chapman.**

**Action: Debby Speight to contact the Publications Subcommittee and arrange a meeting to discuss the publication of a revised Measuring Up Brochure.**

## **7.5 Emergency Preparedness**

This item was discussed above.

## **8. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

These were addressed above.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **12. PARALYMPICS**

Jean Chambers advised that the Paralympic Subcommittee met prior to the Committee meeting today to discuss raising awareness of the Paralympics in the community. One suggestion is that a Sledge Hockey demonstration be organized.

**Action: Claudia Freire to check on the availability of athletes to demonstrate Sledge Hockey.**

Ms. Chambers noted that there is urgency to organizing this event as the Committee's final meeting for 2009 is November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **13. NEXT MEETING**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING DATE – THURSDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 AT 5:00pm DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM</b></p>
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## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Chair  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Committee Clerk

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