

COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED

D.L. Jovan

DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM

Inter-Office Communication

TO:	Ald. Robinson	DEPARTMENT:	DATE: 1989 09 11
FROM:	D.M. Buchanan	DEPARTMENT: Planning	YOUR FILE:
SUBJECT:	Committee on the Disabled and Design Committee		OUR FILE: Design Committee

I respond to your letter of August 23, 1989 to Ken McLaren. On June 5, 1989, Council passed Resolution No. 853:

"That all plans of Municipal and Public Buildings be referred to the Committee on the Disabled for review and recommendations related to meeting the needs of the handicapped in such Public Buildings."

Council did not accept the idea that a representative of the Committee on the Disabled sit on the Design Committee.

I believe there is some misconception of the role of the Design Committee on the part of the members of the Committee on the Disabled. The Design Committee is made up of professionals in the design field, be they architects, landscape architects, engineers, interior designers or non-architect building designers. Secondly, the Design Committee does not get into the kind of design details which are of interest to the Committee on the Disabled.

My understanding is that Richard White is fully aware of the concerns of the Committee on the Disabled and that plans for any civic buildings are to be referred to that Committee by Council Resolution No. 853. The Provincial Building Code provides for handicapped access requirements which pertain to all buildings to be utilized by the public, whether private or civic in nature.

The Design Committee has had its own concerns with civic buildings. In some cases, they have simply looked at the preliminary concept plans and not seen the working drawings at the building permit review stage. They have also had some concerns with the limited response and follow-up on their suggestions.

In closing, I believe the Committee on the Disabled should really discuss their concerns with the Director of Permits and Licences.

Ald. Robinson . . .

1989 09 11
Our File: Design Committee

The Design Committee could only respond in a very general way to a representative of the Committee on the Disabled.

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D.M. Buchanan
Planning Director

c.c. ✓ J.L. Tonn, Municipal Manager
T. Klassen, Municipal Clerk
(for other Members of Council)
R. White, Director of Permits & Licences
Members of Design Committee
(with Ald. Robinson's letter of August 23, 1989
to c.c. recipients)

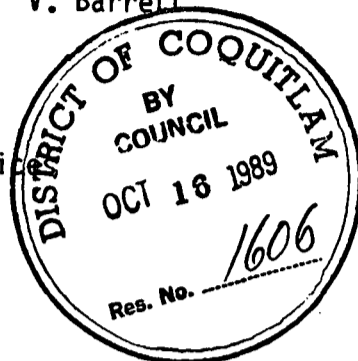
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COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 1989 - 7:30 P.M.
NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Present: Ald. B. Robinson
L. Hauser
M. Wilson
C. Talbot
Dr. C. Johnston
M. Smith

Regrets: J. Allard
Ald. W. Ohirko
V. Barrett

Staff: K. Wahamaa - Coordinator, Special Services



1. Agenda approved as amended.

2. Previous minutes approved with amendment to include L. Hauser with those present.

3. Minute Taker - K. Wahamaa

4. Business Arising

4.1 Design Panel

The letter has been drafted and sent. We await a response.

4.2 Accessible Public Buildings

The report has been completed. A listing of accessible civic building will be printed in the next Leisure Guide as a tear-off portion. A copy of the report will be circulated with these minutes. Planning will soon be under way for the new municipal hall and town centre complex. The committee should keep abreast of planning developments to ensure the opportunity to give input on design as per Council Resolution #853.

4.3 5 Star Community Award Program

K. Wahamaa has contacted the Secretary of State regarding the Awards program. It is currently under review. Ottawa will send us information and application once revisions have been completed this fall.

4.4 Premiers Advisory Council

Ald. Robinson has sent letter of endorsement to the Council. Their executive director has been hired - Mike Carlton.

4.5 UBCM/Transit Commission

Ald. Robinson has obtained copies of resolutions from UBCM proceeding. K. Wahamaa will send to Premiers Advisory Council, attention Mr. John Simpson. Copies will also be included with these minutes. Letter congratulating Transit Commission has been sent.

5. New Business

5.1 Committee Structure

MOVED BY L. HAUSER

Resolution required That in order to ensure continuity for the Committee on the Disabled that the following structure be adhered to:

- App'd
RES 1607*
- a) the Deputy continue into next year as chairperson of the Committee - in effect serving two years on the Committee;
 - b) Committee members be asked to serve a minimum of two years on the Committee;
 - c) Committee members who miss three consecutive meetings lose membership subject to review by the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Library Accessibility

Richard White, Mayor Sekora and Municipal Manager, Jim Tonn, have been made aware of the accessibility problems caused by the new library doors. A letter of complaint had been sent by Mr. Walter Stanley.

MOVED BY DR. C. JOHNSTON

Resolution required In order to ensure accessibility to the new library for all citizens, this Committee recommends to Council that automated doors be installed and the threshold lip in the doorway be removed.

*App'd
RES 1608*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Action: M. Smith and L. Hauser to investigate accessibility of wheelchair washroom in the library.

5.3 Traffic Signals

Coquitlam will be installing a new \$2.4 million traffic signal system that will incorporate the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The city is planning to install a "chirper" sound system at certain intersections throughout Coquitlam including locations near seniors' facilities and housing projects, 12 CNIB recommended locations and major commercial centres. A report on traffic signal needs use compiled by Supervisor of Traffic and Transportation, Tim Murphy, has been accepted and approved by Council.

5.4 Community Forum

K. Wahamaa will book space in Social Recreation Centre in January/February 1990 to hold the Community Forum. Invitation will be made to certain individuals and organizations, but it will be advertised and open to all residents of Coquitlam. Pat Cooper, editor of the Coquitlam Now, will be asked to facilitate some media attention to the forum.

5.5 Publications

A new publication entitled "ACCESS VANCOUVER" was circulated by Ald. Robinson. It is funded by grants and advertisers and available free by calling 732-4129.

5.6 Employment

M. Smith will discuss endorsement of BCCD Naramata resolutions and other issues of employment at next meeting.

5.7 Education

Gail Leslie, Family Support Education Liaison for Simon Fraser Society, will discuss education issues at next meeting.

6. Next meeting

October 4, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room - Parks and Recreation Department

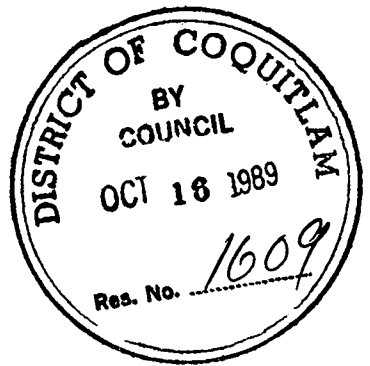
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED MEETING

HELD OCTOBER 4, 1989 - 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE ROOM PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE

PRESENT: Ald. Brian Robinson, Chairperson
Dr. C. Johnston
V. Barrett
L. Hauser
C. Talbot
J. Allard
M. Wilson
Ald. W. Ohirko, Deputy
M. Smith



STAFF: K. Wahamaa, Recording Secretary, Shannon Manning - Student
GUESTS Gail leslie Family Support/Education Liaison - Simon Fraser Society

- 1. Agenda approved as amended.
- 2. Minutes approved as circulated
- 3. Business Arising

3.1 Response from Design Panel
Ald. Robinson sent a memo to the Design Panel reiterating the intent of the Committee on the Disabled's wish to support the Design Panel on accessibility issues for the implementation of C.R. #853.

Committee Action: K. Wahamaa will send letter to Ted Degray seeking a list of architects who may be able to represent the Committee. A letter will also be sent to CMHC re: same.

MOVED by V. Barrett.

RESOLUTION
REQUIRED

That all architectural contracts awarded by the District of Coquitlam should include a review of the plans by an architect knowledgeable on accessibility for disabled persons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Status of Resolutions

3.2.1 Committee Structure - tabled

3.2.2 Library Doors - \$10,000 has been approved by Council to install automated doors in the Library. Information re: contractors will be forwarded to Richard White.

3.3 Community Forum

The Committee will book Saturday, February 10, 1990 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Community Forum in the Social Recreation Centre. Costs to be relayed to Ald. Robinson for fee waiver.

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4. New Business

4.1 Employment

MOVED by M. Smith

RESOLUTION
REQUIRED

That the Committee endorse th B.C. Coalition of the Disabled Suggested policies for employment (see attached)with the inclusion of municipal governments under Policy #1-1.1, and that they be forwarded to Council for endorsement by the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Education

Gail Leslie, Family Support/Education Liaison for the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living gave a brief presentation on her role within the School District #43. The Committee encouraged th Society to bring forward any concerns that could be dealt with through Council to the Committee, now and in the future.

4.3 Access to Leisure

MOVED by M. Wilson

RESOLUTION
REQUIRED

That Council support the ACCESS TO LEISURE PROJECT THROUGH A DONATION OF \$200.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Wheelchair Ramps

J. Allard would like more information on a new bylaw in Victoria banning carpeted wheelchair ramps. Staff will investigate the whys and wherefores of this bylaw.

4.5 School Board Liaisons

MOVED by Dr.C. Johnston

That the Committee on the Disabled make a presentation to the School Board to inform them of our role and encourage a liaison with them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 Standards Manual

C. Talbot brought forward a number of publications available in the U.S. that might be of value to the community.

MOVED by C. Talbot

That the Coquitlam Public Library be requested to obtain publications pertaining to accessibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Action: L. Hauser will pursue the ordering of publications with the Library.

4.7 Bowling Green/Rose Garden - Dogwood Pavilion

This new facility will provide the Committee its first opportunity to implement C.R. #853.

APP'D
RES. 1611

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RES. 1617

5. Next Meeting - November 2, 1989

7:30 pm. - Library Board Room

6. Meeting Adjournment - 8:05 p.m.

Attach. BCCD Suggested Policies
Access to Leisure - Correspondence
New articles
Publication infor.

British Columbia Coalition of the Disabled

Naramata Conference

1989

SUGGESTED POLICIES

Policy #1

1.1

- The BCCD reaffirms its policy seeking mandatory affirmative action legislation at both the federal and provincial levels towards employment for persons with disabilities.

Municipal

1.2

- The BCCD will work to ensure prior and ongoing input into all aspects of design, implementation and review of employment related programs involving persons with disabilities.

Policy #2

- The BCCD will promote general skill level advancement for persons with disabilities towards greater economic participation.

Policy #3

3.1

Because of the fragmented state of services for people with disabilities in BC, the BCCD will work toward the development and enactment of a comprehensive provincial Rehabilitation Act.

3.2

The BCCD will work to ensure prior and ongoing consultation with persons with disabilities into the design, implementation and review of the Act.

ACTION STATEMENTS

Affirmative Action

1. a) That the BCCD strike a committee to develop a mandatory affirmative action plan including quotas for employment of people with disabilities,
- b) that the BCCD ask COPOH to pursue mandatory affirmative action at the federal level,
- c) that the BCCD use its affirmative action plan to advocate its position with municipal and provincial governments, BC Federation of Labour and business councils, UBCM, FCM, etc.,
- d) make representation to all major political parties at both the provincial and federal levels to have mandatory affirmative action legislation policy adopted in their party platforms prior to the next respective election and add municipalities to the list.
2. To research and prepare BCCD's position on the Employment Equity Act in time for the 1991 review of the legislation.

Skill Level Advancement

1. Have trained job placement counsellors in each BC city (through non-profit organizations) with broad mandate including self-employment. Have training for counsellors.
2. Work towards privatization of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (accountability, monitoring team involving consumers).
3. Lobby for increased funds for post-secondary education (with appropriate support services - especially special needs counselling).
4. Lobby for appropriate educational and vocational counselling and aptitude testing throughout the education system.
5. Greater information dissemination (eg., greater number of books, materials) available generally through public libraries for self education,
 - a) produce and publish own workbook on self-employment,
 - b) produce and publish a catalogue of available resources.
6. Lobby federal government to include self-employment equity/affirmative action.
7. Produce and publish directory of funding sources available for education and employment issues.
8. Seek financial sponsors for a) counsellors, b) resources catalogue, c) training, d) attendant care, and other support services, eg., unions, fed. of labour, chambers of commerce.
9. Lobby Enterprises Centre to provide specialized information for

Service for handicapped gets \$2 million green light

By JEFF LEE

Sun Regional Affairs Reporter

BC Transit has the green light to spend \$2 million enhancing its Lower Mainland custom transit service for the disabled.

The proposal approved by the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission calls for an expanded HandyDart fleet, increased hours of service and the introduction of a taxi scrip program.

"It's a very positive step by BC Transit," said Norman Haw, director of rehabilitation services of the Canadian Paraplegics Association. "Hopefully the need will be re-evaluated over the next few months to ensure that the funding provided will meet the demand."

Haw said the taxi scrip program would be an excellent solution to

short-term transportation shortages and would enable disabled persons to be mobile in the community like everyone else.

The improvements, which will go into effect next year, will boost the HandyDart budget by \$2 million a year to nearly \$10 million, but the cost is expected to be offset by an anticipated 33-per-cent increase in ridership.

BC Transit plans to buy 10 new vehicles equipped to carry disabled riders by 1991, increasing its fleet to 145 vans, station wagons and cars.

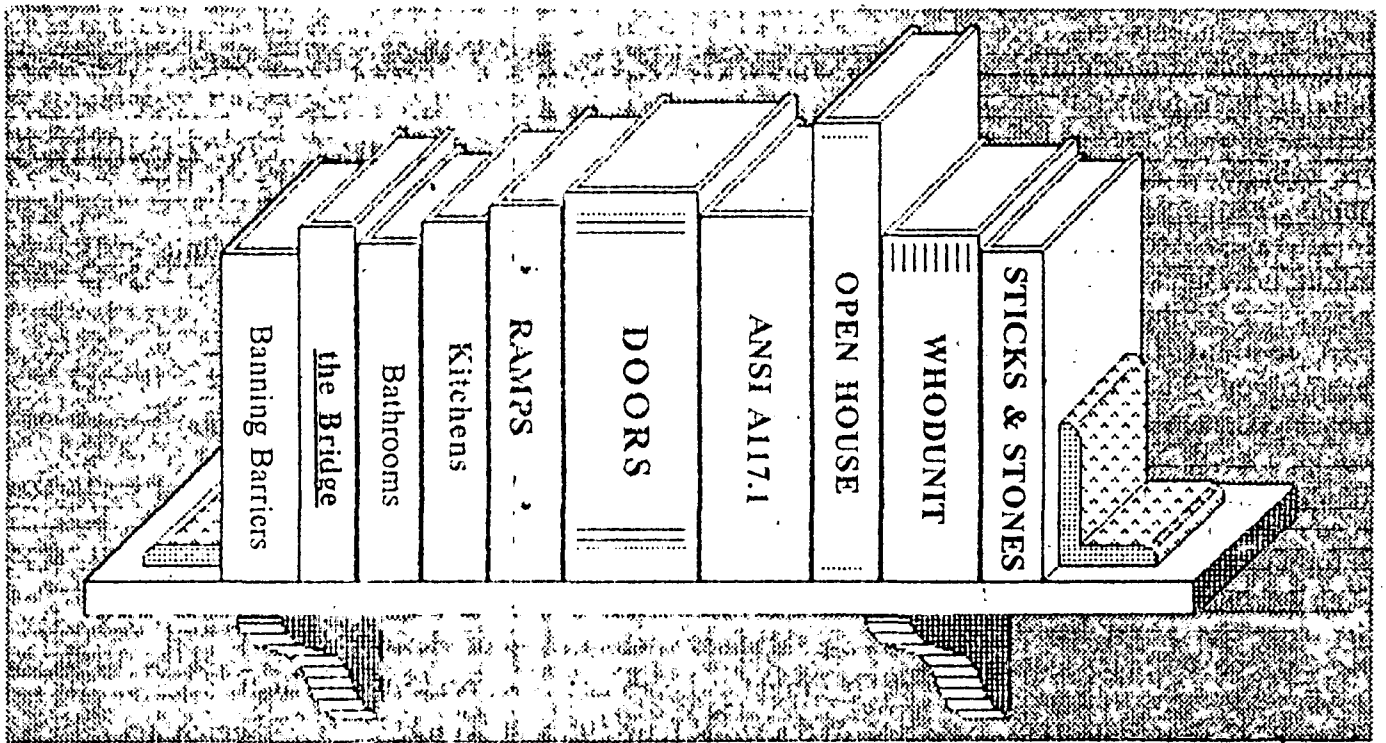
The taxi scrip program, tagged at a cost of about \$500,000, would allow the disabled to use taxis for spontaneous trips. The HandyDart program now operates on a reservation basis and therefore prevents many

people from making spur-of-the-moment travel plans. The program would provide about 10,000 rides annually and cost about \$8.50 per ride (regular HandyDart service costs \$1.25).

The changes come only months after BC Transit agreed to fit its regular passenger fleet with wheelchair lifts at a cost of about \$20,000 each. This year the company will spend \$1.7 million to fit 85 new buses with the hydraulic lifts.

Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell, who chaired a special committee this spring that looked into wheelchair lifts, said the two services don't overlap each other.

"We've always said we should have a series of options available to handicapped people," he said. "This does that."



Further Resources --

Editor's Note: To supplement the resources listed in the text on the previous pages, below I've listed a few of the many other resources available on accessible housing and architectural barrier removal. I've included addresses so you can seek more information (although I have not included prices for most items since they frequently change and I didn't have time to verify all of them.)

The Accessible Bathroom, by Karen Nickels, Design Coalition Inc., 1201 Williamson St., Madison WI 53703

Accessibility Modifications: Guidelines for Modifications to Existing Buildings for Accessibility to the Handicapped.

by Ronald Mace, North Carolina Dept. of Insurance, PO Box 26387, Raleigh N.C. 27611.

Adaptable Housing: A Manual for Minimal Accessible Housing for Private Sector Construction and Renovation, Access Living of Metro Chicago, 505 N. LaSalle, Chicago IL, 60610.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by Physically Handicapped People (ANSI A117.1 - 1980), ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York NY 10018.

**** A Synopsis of the ANSI Specifications (ANSI A117.1 - 1980) is available for \$3.50 from Environmental Access Associates, 555 Oregon National Building, 610 SW Alder, Portland OR 97205. Telephone (503) 226-3342.**

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's Minimum Guidelines and Requirements for Standards for Accessibility and Useability of Federal and Federally-funded Buildings and Facilities by Physically Handicapped Persons, Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 330 C St.SW, Switzer Bldg., Room 1010, Washington DC 20202.

Architectural Barriers Removal Resource Guide (includes information resources, funding guide, publications available from federal sources) HHS Pub. No. (OHDS) 79-22006, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office for Handicapped Individuals, Washington DC 20201.

Barrier Removal and Information Center, The League of Human Dignity, 1423 "O" St., Lincoln NB 68508.

Designs for Independent Living -- Kitchen and Laundry Designs for Disabled Persons, Appliance Information Service, Whirlpool Corp., Administrative Center, Benton Harbor MI 49022.

Design for Living, Barrier Free Environments, Inc., Box 30634, Raleigh, NC 27622.

Handbook for Design: Specially Adapted Housing, VA Pamphlet 26-13, April 1978, Department of Veteran's Benefits, Veteran' Administration, Washington DC 20420.

The Home Accessibility Information Series, set of bulletins, available from The Minnesota Documents Center,

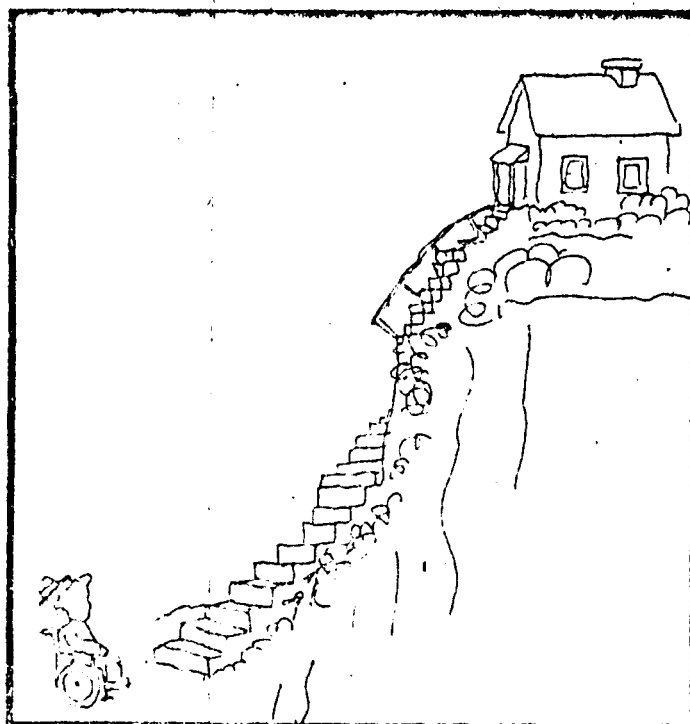
117 University Ave., St. Paul MN 55155.

Housing Interiors for the Disabled and Elderly by Bettyann Boetticher Raschko, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co. (Detailed book on home environment design with information on adaptive devices and sources).

Independent Living Home Approval, a home/interior design accessibility guideline, published by Consumer Care Products, Inc., 6405 Paradise Lane, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

Ramps are Beautiful: the Architecture of Independence, by Michael Deaniels, Center for Independent Living, 2539 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley CA.

Listing and Selling Wheelchair Accessible Housing, text by Frances Hansen, illustrated by cartoonist John Callahan, available for \$5 from Portland Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors, c/o of Oregon Assoc. of REALTORS, P.O. Box 351, Salem, OR 97308, or call 1-800-252-9115.





Ms. Kathryn Wahamaa
Recreation Coordinator, Special Services
Coquitlam Parks & Recreation
630 Poirier St.
Coquitlam, B.C. B3J 6B1

August 3, 1989

Dear Kathryn:

Access to leisure for people with disabilities is often severely limited by lack of consistent, available information about these pursuits. There is a great deal happening in many different locales, but people don't know about it, or know how to access it.

A small group of concerned people is attempting to resolve this problem through the creation of a comprehensive computer database about accessible leisure facilities and activities. "Access to Leisure" has already received strong support from over thirty different organizations. Many were represented at an initial information meeting on May 15th.

The idea has created many more questions than answers. Such issues as funding, physical location, scope, updating, staffing and promotion have all been raised. The recently formed Access to Leisure Steering Committee plans to hire a consultant to provide some of these answers, to determine the project feasibility and to prepare an initial proposal and budget for funding.

No one agency or organization appears to have the budget to provide the required seed funding to get the project underway. But together we could do a great deal! While there will be no guarantees, we are confident that a professional approach from the beginning will result in funding success. That's why we're asking everyone concerned to help out in getting the feasibility study and a professional proposal prepared.

We ask that Coquitlam Parks & Recreation consider a contribution of between \$100 and \$500 to the seed funding of "Access to Leisure". The money will be used to hire the consultant who will do the initial exploratory work. If possible, we'd appreciate your commitment by September 15th so that we can prepare our budget and move the project ahead. We'd also welcome your suggestions of other funding sources.



Your organization's contribution will be promptly receipted and later you will receive an accounting of how much was received and how it was spent.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jan Vetter', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Jan Vetter
Steering Committee

P.S. Please participate with us in assisting people with disabilities to access leisure. Together we can make a powerful statement of support!

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ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST IN ACCESS TO LEISURE INCLUDE:

B.C. Coalition for the Disabled	Multiple Sclerosis Society
B.C. Wheelchair Sports	Cdn. Institute for the Blind
BC Recreation & Parks Assoc.	Vancouver Public Library
BC Mobility Opportunities Society	Services to the Handicapped
Premier's Council on People with Physical Disabilities	(Ministry of Health)
Kinsmen Rehabilitation Fdn.	Cdn. Paraplegic Association
I.B.M.	Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.
Knowledge Network	B.C. Telephone Pioneers
(Open Learning Institute)	Alzheimer Society of BC
SET-BC	BC Systems Corporation
British Columbians for Mentally Handicapped People	O R W
Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation (Special Needs)	
George Pearson Centre	G. F. Strong Centre

STEERING COMMITTEE

Judi Potts	Director of Development & Community Relations B.C. Rehabilitation Society	737-6367
Jan Vetter	Director, Recreation & Volunteer Services G. F. Strong Centre	737-6266
Kathleen Mason	Director, Leisure Services George Pearson Centre	321-3231
Harry Rumley	Special Needs Coordinator Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation	681-1141
Susan Smith	British Columbians for Mentally Handicapped People	875-1119
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Vickie Lowe	George Pearson Centre	321-3231
Jenny Bernsten	Cdn. Paraplegic Assoc.	324-3611
Andy Fitzpatrick	I B M	664-6000
Ron Dutton	Vancouver Public Library	738-2433
Dave Symington	Open Learning Institute	660-2000
Bill Webster	Exec. Dir. - B.C. Recreation	273-8055

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

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B.C. Rehabilitation Society
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British Columbia Rehabilitation Society

Access Awareness Week 1989

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project Title:

"ACCESS TO LEISURE", Information Network

Objective:

To develop a computerized database of leisure-related programs, services and facilities in the lower mainland with a focus on information necessary for successful community integration for persons with a disability.

Rationale:

Research has indicated that "lack of information" is a major perceived barrier to the community recreation participation of persons with a disability (Hutchinson, 1980). The development of a non-threatening, easily accessible information network is seen as a vital component of the community involvement process.

Critical Components:

1. development of a centralized library or resource centre wherein information can be transcribed and updated, as required
2. application of a universal system of access (e.g., touch-tone telephone or information modules in key public areas) that would permit widespread access to the information network
3. information network to include information relative to: physical access requirements; parking facilities and cost; washroom facilities, location and access; cost and discount opportunities; seating allocation and attendant allocation location; reservation requirements; hours of operation; support services available (e.g., volunteers, wheelchair loan, etc.); and other information, as appropriate.
4. information focus initially will be on leisure-related programs, services, and facilities in the lower mainland, including: movie theatres; shopping centres; restaurants; recreation centres/facilities (including pools, arenas, parks, beaches, fitness facilities, etc.); theatres; tourist attractions; hotels, motels

Access Awareness, 1989 cont'd.

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and other accommodations; sport, concert, and special event locations and ticket information (including horseracing, football, hockey, etc.); special interest clubs and organizations (e.g., Disabled Independent Gardeners Association, Scuba Diving, Wheelchair Sport and other organizations, etc.); public and private sport and recreation facilities (e.g., golf, racquet sports, fitness, etc.); and other leisure-related information.

Discussion Items:

1. Feasibility/Desirability
2. Potential Link with existing information network(s)
3. Integration of "Access to Leisure" information with existing network versus creation of separate category or information resource specific to the needs of persons with a disability
4. Funding/Sponsorship - initial and long-term
5. Continuity - relative to funding and information update
6. Promotion - during Access Awareness Week 1989 and beyond
7. Subscription or Registration Fee - public or non-profit society versus private or commercial enterprise
8. Information Focus - Lower Mainland versus Province of B.C.
9. Existing Prototypes - Canada or United States
10. Development of Data Base - information parameters and collection strategies
11. Other?

Hutchinson, Peggy: "Perceptions of Disabled Persons Regarding Barriers to Community Involvement", JOURNAL OF LEISURABILITY, Volume 7, Number 3, July 1980; pages 4-16.

"ACCESS TO LEISURE"

What is it?

At present it is an idea conceived by some staff of the British Columbia Rehabilitation Society. The concept is to develop a computerized database of detailed information about leisure facilities which are accessible to people with disabilities on the lower mainland. This information must be kept current, readily available and well-promoted.

Why is it needed?

While a great deal of important work has been done in improving accessibility to housing, transportation and employment, leisure is not often seen as a priority. However, in many instances leisure is a quality of life issue and, for some people with disabilities, is their only significant occupation.

At present it appears that there are several sources of information on accessible facilities. However, none is comprehensive, their reliability varies and some of the data is out-dated.

What kind of support is there for the idea?

More than 30 organizations have been contacted to determine the viability of the idea. Many attended an initial information meeting on May 15, 1989, at G. F. Strong Centre. The support for the idea was overwhelmingly positive. There were many suggestions offered at the meeting. However, there remains more questions than answers and many details yet to be determined before a concrete proposal can be prepared and presented to potential funding sources.

What happens next?

A Steering Committee is being formed. Its initial task will be to engage some professional assistance in defining the concept, working out the details and writing a convincing proposal. It has been proposed that the financing for this initial proposal preparation come from all the interested agencies and organizations, with contributions ranging from \$100 to \$500 each.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Attached is a more complete explanation of the original concept for "Access To Leisure".

Judi Potts, B.C. Rehabilitation Society	737-6367
Kathleen Mason, George Pearson Centre	321-3231
Jan Vetter, G. F. Strong Centre	734-1313
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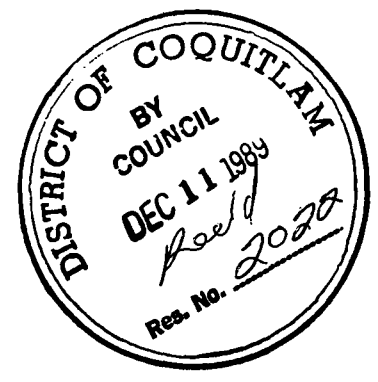
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COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 1989 - 7:30 P.M.
LIBRARY BOARD ROOM

Present: Ald. B. Robinson
J. Allard
M. Wilson
C. Talbot
Dr. C. Johnston
M. Smith
Ald. W. Ohirko
V. Barrett

Regrets: K. Wahamaa
Ald. E. Parker

Guests: R. White
B. Elliott



- 1. Agenda approved.
- 2. Minutes approved as circulated.
- 3. Ald. E. Parker - New Chairperson.
Ald. W. Ohirko - Deputy Chairperson.

Short notice of this meeting prevented Ald. E. Parker from attending; she sent her regrets.

Dr. C. Johnston was left off the list of Committee members; this was an oversight.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Richard White, Director of Permits and Licensing spoke to the Committee about Council Resolution 853. He suggested that the work of checking plans to 3.7 code requirements and recommendations be added to the terms of reference of the tender document.

Impact on budgets to get the 3.7 requirements and recommendations was discussed; as well, Mr. White informed the Committee that not all of 3.7 is required there are recommendations in 3.7 as well.

The library doors were used as an example of meeting 3.7, but not adequately. Council has addressed this and all future public buildings will have automatic doors.

The next municipal building will be the temporary offices for the Planning Department. This building has a ramp, wide doors and handicap accessible washrooms. The committee asked questions re counter height, hardware used for sink, etc. items which would make the washroom accessible and go beyond that user friendly.

Merle Smith responded to Richard White's comments suggesting that a user committee or an architect be paid to review the plans; she had, however, been unable to locate an architect up on 3.7 in Coquitlam.

After discussion, Richard White suggested that consultants for District buildings be told firmly that the District of Coquitlam intends to enforce both the requirements and recommendations of 3.7, and that all of these items should be costed separately so that the District can decide which items it wants to commit itself to.

The Planning Department building will be used as a test case to in-house check plans for 3.7 recommendations and requirements. A plan checker in Richard White's department will go over the plans using 3.7 and cost the recommended items and requirements.

The Committee approved this course of action.

Moved by Lorraine Hauser

Resolution: Every member of the Committee shall receive a copy of the illustrated guide to 3.7 to better acquaint ourselves with the code.

Carried Unanimously

Action: Richard White to arrange for this - 10 copies.

Moved by Ald. W. Ohirko

Resolution: To install at all public facilities, where feasible, a vertical sign indicating Disabled Person parking.

Carried Unanimously

The Committee thanked Richard White for his inventory of public buildings which we received at the last meeting.

*APP'D BY
CO. 12-7
12/20/89*

**4.2 Barry Elliott, Parks and Recreation
Rose Garden/Bowling Green**

Mr. Elliott gave a presentation on the rose garden/bowling green currently being planned for Dogwood Pavilion. He went over the site plan and the drawings with the Committee emphasizing the accessibility of the new facility.

Members of the Committee had some concern about the washrooms for this facility. Mr. White will wait to see how the plan checkers review the accessibility looking at 3.7. It was felt by the Committee that the doors may not be wide enough.

Committee thanked Mr. Elliott for attending our meeting.

4.3 Community Forum

The date and time is secured for 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. on February 10. A facilitator/mc will be needed to keep order, keep things on track, etc.

Suggested that we may need break-out-rooms;
Kathryn to look into this.

Dogwood is closed on Saturday, maybe we can use
it? Kathryn to look into this.

Lunch to be served, cost for this to be
determined, either through Parks and Recreation
or Dogwood.

A general discussion of theme, format, program,
etc. ended with the appointment of a sub
committee to report back to the December 7
meeting.

A sub committee was set up to look after this
community forum - Colleen Talbot, Lorraine
Hauser, Verna Barrett, Merle Smith.

Kathryn Wahamaa or her replacement to act as
staff liaison.

Will have first meeting on November 9 at 7:30
p.m. at Colleen Talbot's.

Ald. B. Robinson reported that the back of the
leisure guide will indicate, using a map, the
accessible public facilities in Coquitlam.

Request for a list of Committee members with
contact information; ex. phone, address, etc.

Next meeting: December 14, 1989
7:00 p.m. - Library Board Room

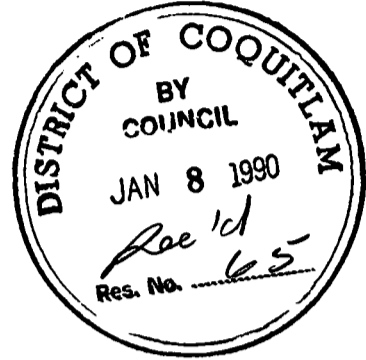
* Letter re carpet on ramps to Victoria

COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 1989 - 7:00 P.M.
LIBRARY BOARD ROOM

Present: Ald. E. Parker
L. Hauser
C. Talbot
Dr. C. Johnston
M. Smith
Ald. W. Ohirko

Regrets: V. Barrett
J. Allard

Staff: K. Wahamma
L. Parsons



- 1. Agenda approved.
- 2. Previous Minutes Approved as Amended.

Amendments: Lorraine Hauser was present at the November 2nd meeting.

4.1 After consultation with Ted DeGray (architect), Merle Smith responded to Richard White's comments suggesting that a user committee or an architect be paid to review the plans; she had, however, been unable to locate an architect up on 3.7 in Coquitlam.

3. Business Arising:

3.1 Leanne Parsons was introduced as the new Special Services Co-ordinator for the District of Coquitlam.

3.2 Lorraine reported that two automatic doors have been installed in the entrance adjacent to the library parking lot. The wiring is still being worked on so the doors are not operational to date.

Discussion ensued regarding Parks and Recreation facility's doors needing to be updated.

It was agreed that the Director of Permits and Licences be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Alderman Eunice Parker will arrange this, and ask him to bring 10 copies of the building code (illustrated guide).

It was agreed that the Park Administrator be invited to the next meeting to update the Committee on the Rose Garden/Bowling Green.

Action: Alderman Eunice Parker will arrange this.

3.3 The Community Forum Committee reported on the planning completed to date.

Name: Coquitlam - Planning for Access
Date: Sunday, February 11, 1990
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Centennial Room - Parks and Recreation
Social Recreation Centre

Format: Chairperson - Eunice Parker
Facilitator - Kathryn Wahamaa

- Introduction
- Update on Committee for the Disabled
- Facilitator outlines forum process
- 3 Questions/Tasks appointed to small groups
- Groups form into one large group for prioritizing
- Conclusions/Summary by Chairperson

* Forum will be participatory and solution oriented.

A mailing list was developed and is being generated by the Community Forum Committee. Invitations will be extended to individuals/agencies representing people with disabilities including service providers, community members, and people with disabilities. Additional contacts/names were suggested.

A preliminary notice will be distributed by the end of December. A formal letter of invitation from the Chairperson will be distributed by January 12th. (R.S.V.P. January 28, 1990).

Phone calls will follow for confirmation.

A proposed budget of \$1,000. was agreed upon to offset food costs and travel accommodation expenses for special guest, Anne Morrison, from Port Alberni Parks and Recreation. Council will be approached at their next meeting.

Action: Kathryn Wahamaa will provide Alderman Eunice Parker with a rough draft of the Forum's agenda, format and expenses for next Council meeting.

4. New Business:

4.1 The Coquitlam Public Library cannot purchase any of the books listed in the brochure "Resources Available on Accessible Housing and Architectural Barrier Removal", that the Library doesn't currently carry.

Action: Committee will submit a wish list to the Library for future consideration.

Moved by Alderman Ohirko:

That the Committee is to ask the Library to provide a listing of all books relevant to the subject area 'Disability'.

Carried

4.2 Merle Smith reported that 50% of B.C. Transit buses will be accessible by 1992.

Moved by Merle Smith:

That the Committee request Council to write a letter to B.C. Transit requesting Coquitlam receive an adequate number of the new accessible buses.

Carried

4.3 It was agreed that a representative of the Design Committee be invited to a future meeting to respond to questions concerning accessibility in commercial facilities.

4.4 Meetings for 1990 will be the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

5. Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 5, 1990 - 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom - Public Library

6. Meeting Adjourned - 9:00 p.m.