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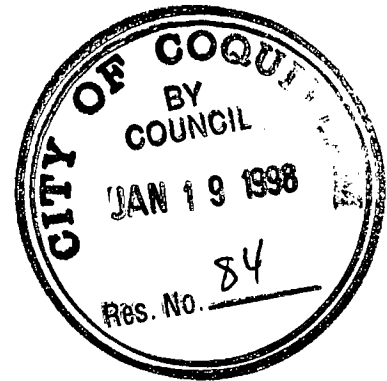


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Mayor L. Sekora

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chair
J. Boniface
S. Lawrence
E. Ling
K. Taylor
M. Smith
L. Hauser
C. Riedyk



Committee Members Absent: C. Talbot

Staff Present: L. Cavan
J. LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 1997

Minutes of Thursday, December 4, 1997 were approved as circulated.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved with addition of following items:

Business Arising:

- 3.6 Play For All Committee - L. Hauser
- 3.7 Capital Budget - L. Cavan

New Business:

- 4.3 Transit - C. Riedyk
- 4.4 NAAW Awards - J. LaCroix
- 4.5 Meeting Dates - M. Smith
- 4.6 New Members - M. Smith

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

503-1 Introduction of New Committee Members

Each member of the Committee introduced themselves to the group. The new Leisure Access Coordinator introduced himself to the group.

503-2 Update on Civic Projects

M. Smith is to fax the final information regarding Pinetree Community Centre to J. LaCroix, who will prepare a letter and forward it to the Manager of the facility.

503-3 Update on Accessibility Directory

The final proof of the directory is being checked for errors and then it will go to printing.

503-4 Update on Toilet Manufacturers

C. Talbot provided information to the Committee on the availability of toilets that are 17.25" and 17.5". Committee will keep this information on file and as well J. LaCroix will draft a letter and forward information to Permits and Licences for their files.

503-5 Update on Correspondence

Richmond Elevators - They replied to our letter and it is possible to lower the face plate one foot (12") in the elevator at the Pinetree Community Centre.

J. LaCroix to contact Richmond Elevators and arrange a site visit to get an estimate on the cost of lowering the face plate.

Special Olympics - They replied to our letter. There was \$5,000 left over from the Special Olympics held in Coquitlam in the summer. That money was given to Coquitlam Special Olympics to cover costs of: facility rentals, uniforms, equipment, coaches, training for their Special Olympics program, which runs year round and supports 14 sports.

503-6 Play For All Committee

Committee will meet January 21, 1998 to arrange for distribution of their manual.

Committee will meet January 21, 1998 with service club re paving.

503-7 Capital Budget

The lift for the Sports Centre to provide access from the skaters lobby to the ice surface/dry floor has been approved.

The Spray Park at Town Centre will be completed this year.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-8 Transit

J. LaCroix will draft a letter to the GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee.

Correspondence to address the transition and change in transit in the Lower Mainland and to emphasize the inclusion of people with disabilities in the process and to not forget their concerns.

Committee sees that there are some advantages to the way it is now, but can see some improvements. Committee hopes we will retain services we have that there will be no decreases in service and that changes made will only improve service.

Letter to request consultation with City of Coquitlam Council regarding this issue.

503-9 NAAW Awards

Subcommittee to be established at February meeting.

503-10 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates to stay as they are.

503-11 Colony Farm

C. Riedyk presented the Committee with the Draft of the Constitution for Colony Farm Partnership Association.

Item 2.7 - Promote access for all members of the community.

Committee pleased to see this item listed.

503-12 Committee Membership

M. Smith spoke with someone interested in the Committee.

There are currently no vacancies on the Committee, however, anyone interested can come to our meetings.

M. Smith to arrange for J. LaCroix to invite this individual, who has a visual impairment, to speak to our Committee.

503-13 Phone List

Jeff's phone number has changed. It is 937-0078.

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

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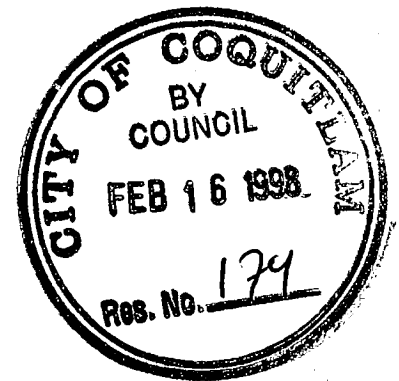
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Staff Present: J. LaCroix



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ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

(a) Final report sent to T. Crawshaw (Pinetree Community Centre) last Friday. M. Smith wanted to check doors - bottom 1/5 is something other than glass so it doesn't get broken.

(b) Need to do tour of new City Hall soon.

RSK

503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

Contacted Real Estate Foundation for last half of grant. They need further information:

- (1) Hard copy
- (2) Quote from printer
- (3) Financial printout
- (4) Distribution list.

First three items will be provided. No. 4 not sure yet.

Real Estate Foundation have asked to put Accessibility Directory on their Web Page. Need copy of directory on disk. Committee agreed to have Accessibility Directory put on Web Page.

We will consider asking for donations for Accessibility Directory - J. LaCroix will investigate if this is possible.

503-3 Update on Elevator at Pinetree Community Centre

J. LaCroix called Meredith White at Richmond Elevators re having someone to look at the elevator. He is going to inspect elevators and give us an estimate to lower the panel.

503-4 Update on Play for All Committee

Committee met. Have started a mailing list for distributing the Play for All Manual (for accessible playground). Will ask for \$5.00 donation.

Met at 1:00 today to receive three (3) proposals for playground equipment. Will meet with rest of Committee to consider proposals. Suggest that someone with Therapeutic Recreation Training be consulted.

503-5 Update on NAAW Awards Subcommittee

Set up Subcommittee members - C. Riedyk, M. Smith. E. Ling and C. Talbot. Follow process from past years. J. LaCroix will review file. J. LaCroix will put notices in The Now and Tri-City News February 22nd, March 22nd, April 19th.

503-6 Update on Correspondence

Letter sent re GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee.
Awaiting reply.

Permits & Licences - sent letter re toilet heights. Reply from P. Halabuza.
Half of toilets are too low. Contacting manufacture re supplying toilets not to
standard. Will write to him again saying we prefer the highest toilets available
(18") because they are more accessible.

Guest speakers - M. Smith will contact J. LaCroix.

503-7 GVRD re Colony Farm Task Force

Letter from GVRD re Colony Farm Task Force acknowledging concerns raised
when they attended our meeting in December, 1997.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-8 Information-Sharing

Nothing to report.

503-9 Parking Passes

Steve Borthwick has received calls from Group Homes re parking passes. Staff
drives to Town Centre and cannot get passes because their cars are not
registered to a Coquitlam resident.

Need to know how to make parking less expensive for group home residents and
their attendants.

People with disabilities who do not have a car should be able to buy a portable
pass that could be used by anyone who drives them to the Aquatic Centre.
Qualify by residential address.

J. LaCroix to talk to Councillor B. Melville.

503-10 Committee Eligibility for Parking Passes

Newspaper article presented noting that Committee members are eligible for Parking Passes at no cost. J. LaCroix to look into.

503-11 Program restructuring in Family and Child Ministry

M. Smith discussed restructuring going on in Ministry of Families & Children and how these changes may impact people with disabilities and their families.

503-12 Wheelchair Tennis Festival

Wheelchair Tennis Festival is being held in Coquitlam July 24-26, 1998.

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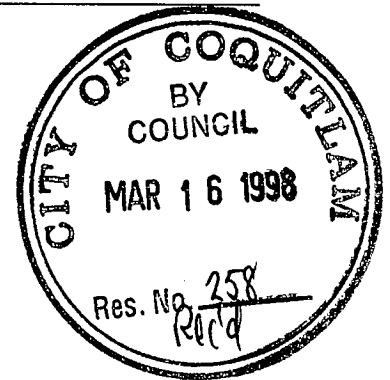
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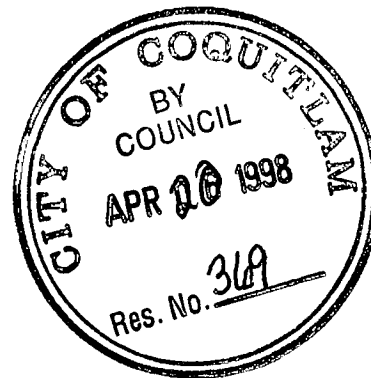
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Staff Present: N. Cook
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ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

503-1 Update on Accessibility Directory

- a) We have received the final grant money from the Real Estate Foundation. The money has been given to Peter Hayes at the Society for Community Development. The Accessibility Directory has been sent to the print shop to get copied.

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- b) Peter Hayes asked that the Committee consider asking for a donation for the Accessibility Directory with the Society for Community Development looking after the funds. Jim LaCroix had talked to Trevor Wingrove from the City Clerk's office who said that it was not appropriate for a City Committee to raise money and that if we were going to ask for money for the directory, it could not be handed out at any City facilities. Trevor did mention that the City would be able to discount the printing costs, thereby freeing up some money. It was noted by the Committee that there should have been enough money in the budget to cover all costs. The Committee decided to wait for the time being, pending some written proof that there was not enough money in the budget.
- c) Peter Hayes put forward a proposal that the directory be expanded to cover the whole Tri-Cities area. The Committee noted that there are not at this time similar committees in either of the other two cities to share the responsibilities, but they were interested in expanding the directory to cover all of Coquitlam.
- d) A copy of the SFU Physical Access Guide is in order. It was written by Tina Cooper, a Computer Science student at SFU, who also uses a wheelchair.
- e) To put the accessibility directory on the Real Estate Foundation Web Page would cost \$35.00 for each hour it took to put the Web Page together, although it is possible to have a sponsor pay for the cost. It was decided by the Committee to wait until an Accessibility Directory for all of Coquitlam has been done.

503-2 Update on Elevator at Pinetree Centre

The City was prepared to fix the elevator. The School Board was contacted to find out if they will share the costs. The School Board said that the elevator meets the code requirements and that the elevator does not need to be changed. The City will pay for the changes to make the elevator more accessible.

503-3 Update on Play for All Committee

The Play for All Committee will be meeting on April 6th to go over their plans for Blue Mountain Park. Six people have confirmed that they will be at the meeting and three other people might be there.

503-4 Coquitlam Accessibility Awards

- a) Information on the Awards has been faxed to the Tri-City News, the Coquitlam NOW, the Province, the Sun, World Journal, BCTV's Community Files, and Global's Your Town Calendar.
- b) There have been three phone calls from people interested in putting in a nomination. One application form has been sent out.
- c) Perry Halabuza from Planning and Development is sending J. LaCroix information on other building that could be eligible for the award.
- d) The Chamber of Commerce will put an article about the Coquitlam Accessibility Awards in their newsletter. They are also interested in sponsoring the plaques again this year. J. LaCroix will send a letter to them asking them to sponsor the plaques.
- e) Information on the awards to be sent to Bill Low at the School Board, and the BC Housing Commission.
- f) J. LaCroix to book library display case for June.

503-5 Update on Correspondence

GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee - Nothing to report.

503-6 Accessible BC Newsletter

- a) Article on the Coquitlam Accessibility Awards to be put into the May issue.
- b) Jeff Vasey from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will send J. Lacroix copies for each person on the Mayor's Committee. J. LaCroix will distribute at the meetings.
- c) Accessible BC Newsletter could be used to launch the Accessibility Directory.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-7 Information-Sharing - Councillor B. Melville

Councillor B. Melville checked out the curb cuts on North Road and Lougheed Hwy. He reported that the whole side of the median has broken off. Corrine Riedyk has phoned about getting it fixed, and she was told that they are in the process of fixing it.

503-8 City Hall Tour

Norm Cook, City Manager, to book.

503-9 Pathway Between CCAC and Pinetree Community Centre

Corrine Riedyk reports that she is pleased with the Pathway between CCAC and Pinetree Community Centre. "Thanks to City staff."

503-10 SPARC

SPARC has a new phone number 718-7744. J. LaCroix is printing new cards. They should be ready by next meeting.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Acting Mayor L. Hollington
 L. Hauser
 S. Lawrence
 E. Ling
 C. Riedyk
 M. Smith
 C. Talbot

Committee Members Absent: J. Boniface
 K. Taylor

Staff Present: J. LaCroix



ITEM I - MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 1998

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ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

503-1 Update on Accessibility Directory

- a) The Accessibility Directory has been printed. 160 copies have been sent to the BC Paraplegic Association and 90 to Community Ventures. They will send the directory to their members. J. LaCroix to see if he can get about 100 copies back as the Committee feels that this is too many copies. Copies will be sent to Tri-Cities public libraries, and letters will be sent to the Simon Fraser Health Unit, Douglas College and other similar agencies stating that copies can be obtained through J. LaCroix.

- b) Peter Hayes from the Society for Community Living put forward a proposal that the directory be expanded to cover all of Coquitlam. The Committee expressed interest in this and would like more details.
- c) A copy of the SFU Physical Access Guide is on order. It was written by Tina Cooper, a Computer Science student at SFU, who also uses a wheelchair.

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The City will pay for the changes to make the elevator more accessible.

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The Play for All Committee has selected the playground equipment they wish to purchase. They are now putting together a business plan and approaching potential funding sources to find out who has funds available, and how they would like to be approached.

503-4 Coquitlam Accessibility Awards

- a) The Chamber of Commerce has agreed once again to sponsor the Accessibility Awards. In exchange for their sponsorship, they would like to receive an invitation to the awards ceremony, and recognition in the newspaper article announcing the winners. The Committee agreed to these terms.
- b) Four applications had been received by the deadline. J. LaCroix gave a list of places that have been sent applications to C. Talbot and M. Smith. They were going to follow up and find out if any other people were interested in applying.
- c) Library display case #2 has been booked for the month of July to display the award winners.
- d) The Committee would like to have the awards ceremony in the new City Hall in July. J. LaCroix to check into possible dates.

503-5 Update on Correspondence

GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee - Nothing to report.

Letter received from Carmela Rossi from the Chimo Achievement Centre regarding the height of the toilet in the handicapped washroom. J. LaCroix to approach B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure and Parks Services, to see if we can have this fixed without involving City Council.

503-6 Accessible BC Newsletter

Article on Accessibility Awards sent in. We have not yet received copies of the article.

503-7 Tour of City Hall

Generally, the new City Hall looks good. It is being built by the same company that built the Public Safety Building. The Committee would like another tour of the City Hall once the elevators are operational. J. LaCroix to look into.

503-8 Next Year's Committee Meetings

The meeting dates for next year are:

September 3, 1998
October 1, 1998

November 5, 1998
December 3, 1998

503-9 New SPARC Cards

New cards were handed out with the new phone number for SPARC.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-10 Information-Sharing - Acting Mayor L. Hollington

Letter from City of Burnaby regarding RRAP: The Committee would like a letter written to Council recommending that they join Burnaby in writing a letter expressing appreciation to the Minister Responsible for CMHC for extending the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. J. LaCroix to write letter.

503-11 Greater Vancouver Transit Authority Committee

Acting Mayor L. Hollington looking for volunteers to sit on a transit committee. C. Riedyk volunteered as long as there is accessible transit. E. Ling volunteered if second person needed, or if C. Riedyk cannot make it.

503-12 Colony Farm

Accessible garden to include 5 ft. walkways, planters indented for wheelchair access, and an accessible trail along the water. It was mentioned that an accessible dock could be built at the mouth of the river at Maquabeak Park. C. Riedyk to look into the accessibility of the tool shed, and the adaptability of the tools. Committee would also like a tour of the gardens. C. Riedyk to organize.

503-13 Doors to Fitness Room at CCAC

J. LaCroix was notified that only one door is opened into the fitness room making it difficult for a wheelchair to fit through the door. J. LaCroix to send message to all facility managers asking that both doors be opened to make it easier for wheelchair access.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

CHAIR

J. LaCroix
Secretary

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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
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ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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- a) The Accessibility Directory has been distributed. J. LaCroix reported that he has received a number of calls from people who would like a copy of the directory. C. Riedyk reported that she was sent a copy of the directory in the mail from the BC Paraplegic Society. J. LaCroix included a copy of the media release that was sent out, as a couple of the Committee members had expressed concern over the Society for Community Development getting more credit for creating the directory.

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- b) No more information about expanding the directory has been received from Peter Hayes at the Society for Community Development. J. LaCroix has to talk to Peter Hayes regarding another matter and will bring it up then. The possibility of approaching G.F. Strong, WCB, or some other government retraining program to find someone to expand the directory was also discussed by the Committee. It was mentioned that the person would need to be independent and have some knowledge on accessibility issues.
- c) A copy of the SFU Physical Access Guide is on order. J. LaCroix talked to SFU to find out when the directory would be arriving. The directory is in the mail, so it should be available at the Committee's next meeting.

503-2 Update on Play for All Committee

The Play for All Committee has selected the playground equipment they wish to purchase. They are now putting together a business plan and approaching potential funding sources to find out who has funds available, and how they would like to be approached. The Play for All Committee has asked J. LaCroix to write a letter to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities asking the Committee to support the Play for All project by asking City Council to provide \$2,200 towards purchasing playground equipment.

503-3 Coquitlam Accessibility Awards

- a) The Committee agreed that September 21 would be the preferred date for the award presentation. J. LaCroix will contact the Clerk's office to let them know.
- b) Four applications had been received by the deadline. Applications are still being accepted. M. Smith and C. Talbot have put together a schedule for judging the applicants, and will be contacting the other subcommittee members to discuss the schedule.

503-4 Update on Correspondence

GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee - Nothing to report.

Letter received from Carmela Rossi from the Chimo Achievement Centre regarding the height of the toilet in the handicapped washroom. C. Riedyk reported that a donut has been put on the toilet, but now the toilet is too high. J. LaCroix to write a letter stating that the toilet still cannot be used by some members of the Chimo Achievement Centre.

503-5 Accessible BC Newsletter

J. LaCroix to send copy of the newsletter with everyone's minutes.

503-6 Tour of City Hall

J. LaCroix checking into another tour of City Hall. Trying to book as soon as possible. Will contact Committee when he gets a date.

503-7 Next Year's Committee Meetings

The date for September's meeting is now September 17.

503-8 Letter to Council Regarding RRAP

J. LaCroix is sending the letter.

503-9 Greater Vancouver Transit Authority Committee

No one has been appointed yet.

503-10 Accessible Garden at Colony Farm

C. Riedyk has not been able to get a hold of anyone yet. Will let us know when we will be able to go on a tour.

503-11 Tour of Pinetree Community Centre

We have been invited to tour Pinetree Community Centre to see the changes that have been made, and give input on how to complete other changes. June 11 at 6:00 p.m. was proposed. J. LaCroix will check into and contact the Committee.

503-12 Spray Park Opening

The Committee has been invited to the opening of the new spray park at LaFarge Lake. The date of the opening has been tentatively set for June 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-13 Information-Sharing - Acting Mayor L. Hollington

Nothing to report.

503-14 Items for Next Year

Ensuring there are accessible washrooms in park washrooms, particularly parks that are accessible.

Looking at how we can ensure that garbage cans are kept off sidewalks.

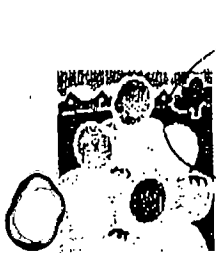
Fixing the sidewalks of Foster. They are hard to see.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

CHAIR

J. LaCroix
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MEDIA RELEASE (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE as PSA)

MAY 6, 1998

The Coquitlam Mayor's Committee For People With Disabilities, in concert with the Society For Community Development (SCD), has just completed publication of the Accessibility Directory For North-East Coquitlam. This Directory provides current information on access for the physically challenged in Coquitlam's North-East and Town Centre areas.

Based on building site inspections, and applying section 3.7 of the BC Building Code (which outlines building requirements for people with varying physical challenges relating to issues of mobility, vision, and hearing), access features such as parking, entrance access, interior movement, and washrooms were recorded for each establishment.

This Accessibility Directory includes the following location categories: Banks/Credit Unions, Cinemas, Music & Video, Public Buildings (i.e. Pools, Libraries, Community Centres), Real Estate, Restaurants, Shopping Centres/Malls, and trails.

In addition, a listing of "Accessibility Awards" are included for the years 1992 through 1997. These annual awards, presented during *National Access Awareness Week* (first week of June) are given to those establishments who construct, renovate, or improve a building that improves accessibility for people with physical challenges within the City of Coquitlam. Awards categories include Institutional, Residential, Commercial, and Industrial.

The Mayor's Committee For People With Disabilities exists to ensure that the City of Coquitlam is accessible for its residents by removing:

- *Physical Barriers
- *Social Barriers, and
- *Attitudinal barriers.

The Committee encourages individuals with physical challenges, or their advocate(s) to provide input on how Coquitlam can be made a better place to live for all its citizens. It was through community input that this Accessibility Directory has been developed.

Funding for this Directory was generously received from the Coquitlam Foundation, the Society For Community Development (SCD), the City of Coquitlam, The Real Estate Foundation, and the Federal Government Challenge Grant. This financial and organizational support allowed the Mayor's Committee to hire a student researcher for 10 weeks, thereby providing the necessary support to create this access directory.

Copies of this Accessibility Directory can now be obtained for free by contacting your local Tri-Cities library or by contacting the following agencies:

- *Canadian Paraplegic Association, Att: Norman Haw, Regional Rehabilitation Consultant, Tel: 530-8283;
- *Community Ventures Society, Att: Jacinta Eni, Executive Director, Tel: 939-8070;
- *City of Coquitlam (Leisure Access), Att: Jim Lacroix, Program Coordinator, Tel: 933-6031; or,
- *Society For Community Development (SCD), Att: Peter J. Hayes, Executive Director, Tel: 931-2394

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COQUITLAM



1998 June 3
Our File: 104.4.11

Acting Mayor and Members of Council
City of Coquitlam
1111 Brunette Avenue
Coquitlam, BC V3K 1E9

Dear Acting Mayor and Members of Council:

On January 30, 1998, the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced a five-year extension to the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. The R.R.A.P. provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners, and landlords of properties targeted to low-income Canadians, bringing these homes up to health and safety standards. The program can also be used to make homes accessible for disabled residents, enabling them to live independently.

The Mayor's Committee For People With Disabilities is very pleased to learn about the extension of the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for an additional 5 years. The Committee also supports Burnaby Council's request that the City of Coquitlam join Burnaby in expressing our appreciation to the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister Responsible for C.M.H.C. for extending the R.R.A.P. and urging the Federal Government to strengthen and enhance the program for future services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim LaCroix".

Jim LaCroix
for
The Mayor's Committee For People With Disabilities

JL/nb

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LEISURE AND PARKS SERVICES



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Norm Cook, City Manager, to book.

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Corrine Riedyk reports that she is pleased with the Pathway between CCAC and Pinetree Community Centre. "Thanks to City staff."

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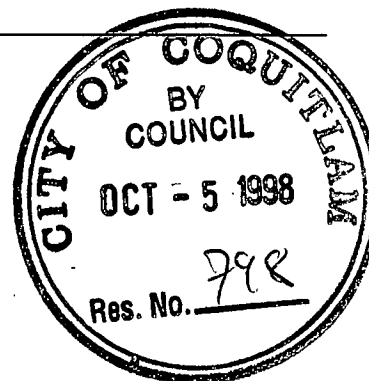


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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 - 6:30 P.M.
EVERGREEN CULTURAL CENTRE
1205 PINETREE WAY**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor L. Hollington
J. Boniface
J. Boyer
J. Corrado
C.E. Kirk-Foreman
L. Hauser
S. Lawrence
E. Ling
F. McQuarrie
L. Polegato
C. Riedyk
M. Smith
C. Talbot



Staff Present:

J. LaCroix

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ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Introduction of new Committee members.

503-1 Update on Accessibility Directory

a) *Proposal to Expand Directory*

The Society for Community Development is interested in being involved if we decide to expand the accessibility directory. It was noted that we need to have a plan and resources in place in order to do the directory properly. Staff resources was also noted as a potential barrier. J. LaCroix to get copy of Guide to new Committee members.

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b) *SFU Physical Access Guide*

J. LaCroix has received a copy of the Guide from SFU. It was passed around for Committee to look at. Tina Cooper, the student who put the Guide together, was noted as someone who may be able to help us if we expand our directory.

503-2 Update on Play for All Committee

The Committee continues to raise funds to build an accessible playground at Blue Mountain Park. The Committee would like to ask the Mayor's Committee to contribute to the fund. It was decided that a recommendation should go to Council. A letter needs to be sent to the Mayor's Committee when the Play for All Committee gets its funding in order. L. Hauser to write.

503-3 Coquitlam Accessibility Awards

The awards ceremony will be Monday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The plaques have been ordered and are on their way. M. Smith is writing the speech. All three winners have been notified and are sending a representative. The display booth at the Poirier Library has been booked. The Chamber of Commerce is sending a representative to help give out the awards. J. LaCroix to send out a media release. Committee members are asked to come before 7:30 p.m. to make sure we are prepared.

503-4 Update on Correspondence

a) *GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee*

J. LaCroix to write letter supporting C. Riedyk as a Committee member and asking that information be sent to the Committee through her.

b) *Letter from Carmela Rossi*

J. LaCroix reported that an attempt was made to make the toilet more accessible (it is 17 1/4" high instead of 18"), but it ended up being too high. The original toilet seat was replaced and seems to be fine. J. LaCroix talked to Arlene Lewchuk-Hartley, the program coordinator for the Chimo Achievement Program, and she said that the toilet is fine right now, but if the toilet ever needs to be replaced, it has been agreed that a toilet 18" high will be put in.

503-5 Accessible BC Newsletter

Have not received any information from Accessible BC Newsletter.

503-6 Tour of City Hall

J. LaCroix to get information from M. Smith regarding the tour. J. LaCroix will send this information to the appropriate people to ensure it is changed.

503-7 Greater Vancouver Transit Authority Committee

C. Riedyk has been appointed as one of the members of this new Committee. The Committee meets next week and will possibly set up subcommittees.

503-8 Accessible Garden at Colony Farm

C. Riedyk presented plan for garden. Planters will be staggered and tapered with 5' pathways and handrails around the perimeter to make them more accessible. There are plans to expand as the number of gardeners increases. There are also holes in the planters to place umbrellas. The garden is located between the tool shed and the trees. The plans will now go to the GVRD for approval. Plots will cost \$25.00 per year. It was noted that there needs to be an accessible bus stop close to the gardens. The Committee is to make a recommendation to Council that they study the route to see if they can put a stop closer to the gardens. Moved by C. Talbot, Seconded by L. Hauser - Carried.

C. Riedyk to get information regarding semi-accessible bus stops from Victoria.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-9 Ryan House

J. LaCroix to contact Gillian Elliott from Place des Arts requesting plans to see if it is accessible and to arrange a tour when appropriate.

503-10 Community Living Month

C. Kirk-Foreman would like the City of Coquitlam to proclaim October "Community Living Month". Moved by C. Kirk-Foreman; Seconded by C. Riedyk - Carried.

Cindy presented the Committee with a book donated by the New Westminster/Community Living Celebration Committee.

503-11 Sidewalk on Foster

A new asphalt sidewalk has been built on Foster Avenue from Schoolhouse to Poirier. C. Riedyk and J. LaCroix to write a thank you letter to General Manager Operations.

503-12 Jerico Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Compensation package for people who experienced abuse while attending the JIDHH expires at the end of September. Anyone who is eligible should contact their local Ministry of Social Services immediately.

503-13 Alternate for Compact Committee

C. Riedyk is looking for an alternate for the Compact Committee. Anyone interested should contact Corrine.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the new City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way.

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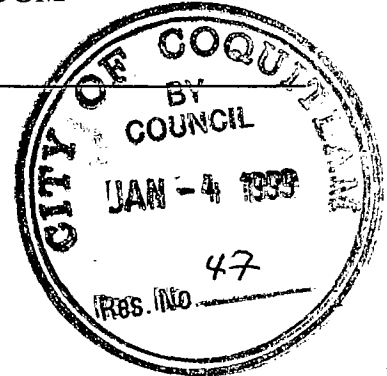


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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Boniface
Jayne Boyer
Janine Corrado
Cynthia E. Kirk-Foreman
Lorraine Hauser
Elizabeth Ling
Corrine Riedyk
Merle Smith
Colleen Talbot



Committee Members Absent:

Councillor L. Hollington
Sharon Lawrence
Fiona McQuarrie
Linda Polegato

Staff Present:

Jim LaCroix
Vraj Sudra, Project Coordinator, Development Services
Peter Kabatoff, Cemetery Manager

ITEM I - MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 1998

Minutes of Thursday, November 5, 1998 were approved as circulated.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

503-1 Robinson Memorial Gardens

The cemetery is an extension of the existing site on Robinson. Additional double depth and single depth sites are being added along with a memorial wall. One parking spot of the three will be designated for people with disabilities. A 600 square foot building is going to be on site for storage and services. Paths and level walkways up to this building will make it accessible. The building will also contain 2 unisex washrooms which will also be accessible. The existing slope of the original cemetery makes some of the grave sides inaccessible, but the new cemetery will have a grade of 5% or less, making it accessible. Vraj Sudra to send Jim LaCroix plans for the building washrooms. Jim LaCroix to forward to rest of the committee.

503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

Youth Community Action Project:

Jim LaCroix sent in an application to the Youth Community Action project and was approved for one student position of 100 hours. Jim LaCroix has a list of about 8 potential candidates and will start screening them next week. Jayne Boyer, Cynthia Kirk-Foreman and Corrine Riedyk willing to help with the screening process. M. Smith agreed to help with the training. The student will start in January and finish by June.

503-3 Update on Play for All Committee

Lorraine Hauser reported that the committee is still in the process of applying for grants and other sources of funding. Lorraine Hauser also invited any interested committee members to join her on the Play for All Committee.

Councillor Hollington also sent a message that while City Council did not approve any direct funding for the Play for All project, Council was going to bring forward any contacts that they have who might be able to provide funding. Councillor Bekker has already given a contact name at the Royal Bank and a letter and business proposal are being sent out by Councillor Hollington.

Jim LaCroix to attach a copy of funding source sheet from the Play for All Committee.

503-4 Update on Correspondence

- Marlene Franks - SPARC

Jim LaCroix contacted Marlene Franks and invited her to attend our January meeting to discuss SPARC's initiatives regarding National Access Awareness Day. Marlene will be presenting at the January 7th meeting.

- BC Coalition of People with Disabilities
Committee agreed to watch this issue closely with the possibility of sending a letter of support in the new year.

503-5 Tour of City Hall

City staff are working on a report showing what has been changed and what still needs to be done. M. Smith to tour City Hall again. M. Smith will arrange this tour with City Staff.

503-6 Greater Vancouver Transit Authority Committee

Corinne Riedyk spoke to someone at the GVTA regarding the situation at Lougheed Mall. It will be put on the GVTA's agenda for next week.

GVTA is also looking at breaking up transit into multiple, regional transit companies. Corinne Riedyk to bring information back to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities at next meeting.

Phase 2 of Air Care to begin in February. GVTA looking at excluding big trucks from testing. Committee noted that many people suffer from respiratory problems in the Lower Mainland due to exhaust emissions. M. Smith proposed that the committee write a letter favouring heightened air care testing. Seconded by Cynthia Kirk-Foreman - CARRIED. M. Smith to write the letter.

Victoria Transit sent Corinne Riedyk the decals they use to indicate semi-accessible bus stops. By using these decals, more bus stops in Victoria were able to be considered accessible. Corinne Riedyk to bring up with GVTA. Article on Corinne Riedyk was passed around. The reporter would like to follow Corinne Riedyk around for a day. Corinne Riedyk would like to pick a day when she will be attending a meeting for the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

503-7 Accessible Garden at Colony Farm

Nothing to report at this time. Corinne Riedyk expects to be contacted next week.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

503-8 Information-Sharing

Nothing to report.

503-9 Goals and Objectives for 1999

Discussion that we should create a list of goals for 1999 and create sub-committees to work on them. M. Smith suggested that everyone come up with a municipal wish list, a provincial wish list and a federal wish list. Committee members to bring their suggestions to the January meeting.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coquitlam Public Library on 575 Poirier Street.

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