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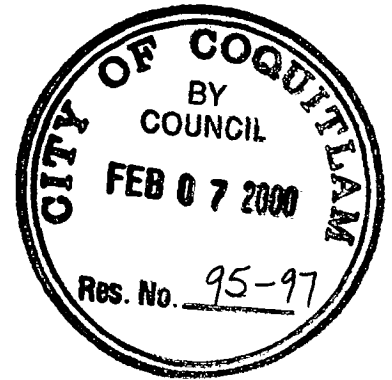


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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
January 19, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne
Merle Smith
Corrine Riedyk
Nizar Shivji
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Bob Snowden
Lynn Jensen
Bruce Holitzki



Committee Members Absent: Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham

Staff Present: Laurie Cavan
Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 1999

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held October 26, 1999.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

509-1 Mayor's Committee – Purpose and Mandate

Terms of Reference contained in the City of Coquitlam Policy & Procedure Manual are attached herewith and form part of these minutes.

The role of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities is to advise Council and City staff on issues that may affect individuals who have a disability.

Committee members are appointed by the Mayor for a one year term. The Committee meets once a month, with no meetings in July and August. The Meetings are open to the public.

Some of the issues that have been important to the committee and some of the projects that the committee have done over the last few years includes the following:

Accessibility:

For the past 8 years, the Mayor's Committee has given out the Accessibility Awards to buildings that have gone beyond the building code to make their facility accessible.

The Committee has toured many new city facilities (Public Safety Building, City Hall, Place des Arts, Evergreen Cultural Centre, City Centre Pool, and Pinetree Community Centre) and given recommendations on how to make them more accessible.

Accessibility Directories have been developed for the North East and Maillardville areas of the City.

The Committee has also provided advice on how to make some private buildings more accessible, such as Silver City and the Community Gardens at Colony Farm and in Burquitlam.

The Committee has been lobbying to make changes to the Building Code particularly in regards to handicapped toilets.

Transportation:

The Committee has advocated for better bus routes and improved access to bus stops near Lougheed Mall

The Committee lobbied to improve the sidewalk on Foster Avenue.

One of the goals of the Committee is to make 1/3 of bus stops wheelchair accessible.

Recreation:

The Committee advocated, unsuccessfully, for passes for individuals who have a disability that would give them a discount on recreation programs.

The Committee was involved in the Spirit of Community Living Celebration.

The Committee is lobbying to increase accessibility of parks. The Committee advised on Como Lake Park and Burquitlam Community Gardens.

The Committee has representation on the Play for All Committee, a group of citizens who are advocating and fundraising to make Blue Mountain Park playground more accessible.

Education:

The Committee has developed Accessibility Directories for North East Coquitlam and Maillardville.

The Committee has taken part in several Community Events, including National Access Awareness Day, and the Spirit of Community Living Celebration

The Accessibility Awards act as a way of educating builders, architects and the public about accessibility issues.

The Committee has been involved in the proclamation of June as National Access Awareness Week and October as Community Living Month.

The Committee has developed cards that can be placed on the windshield of cars that are illegally parked in disabled parking spaces, informing them about the issue.

Last year, the Committee formed a number of sub-committees to look at issues that the committee felt were important. The following sub-committees were formed:

1. Liaison with the Spirit of Community Living Committee.
2. Representation on the Play for All Committee.
3. National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) Day Event Sub-Committee
4. Accessibility Awards Sub-Committee
5. Accessible Parks Sub-Committee
6. Building Code Sub-Committee
7. Accessible Transit Sub-Committee

509-2 Sub-Committees

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The following Sub-Committees were proposed:

1. The Parks and Infrastructure Accessibility Sub-Committee
Members: Bruce Holitzki and Corinne Riedyk
2. The Liaison with the Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees.
Member: Cyndy Kirk-Foreman
3. The Building Code Sub-Committee
Member: Merle Smith
4. The Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC) National Access Awareness Day Sub-Committee
Members: Nizar Shivji, Cyndy Kirk-Foreman, Corinne Riedyk
5. The Accessibility Awards Sub-Committee
Members: Merle Smith, Corinne Riedyk, Cyndy Kirk-Foreman, Nizar Shivji, Lynn Jensen, Bruce Holitzki

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App'd

Moved by Bob Snowden that the above Sub-Committees be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

509-3 Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities will be Thursday February 3 at 7:00 pm in the Nancy Bennett Room of the Poirier Library. The library is located at 575 Poirier Street.

The Committee will decide the remainder of the meeting dates at the February 3 meeting.

Next time there is bad weather on the day of a meeting, Jim will leave a message on his answering machine at 5:00 pm so that Committee members can call to find out if there is a meeting.

509-4 Accessibility Awards

Merle Smith reported that the Awards were announced at the December 6 Council Meeting. The Accessibility Awards Sub-Committee are going to draft letters to individuals who received an honourable mention, suggesting ways that they can make their building more accessible. They will forward the draft to Jim, who will prepare the letters.

Work on next years awards is starting this month.

509-5 Translink

Corinne Riedyk represents the City of Coquitlam on Translink. She is also a member of COMPACT, the Committee to Promote Accessible Conventional Transit. Corinne provided an update on her involvement in Translink and transportation issues.

The Strategic Transportation Plan is being critiqued. The plan is currently general, dealing with cars, roadways and buses. While it does not deal directly with disability issues, some issues do involve people who have a disability, for example the possible instillation of turnstiles at Skytrain Stations.

There is a new design for bus shelters which does not include a cut out for wheelchairs. These new bus shelters have not appeared in Coquitlam yet, but they may be introduced in the future.

Corinne is to watch the car design for the Skytrain extension to ensure that it is wide enough for wheelchairs and scooters.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

509-6 Proposal for New Superstore

**COUNCIL
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The Committee recommends that City Staff be requested to advise Westfair Properties of the Committee's desire for excellent access for disabled customers and employees which may include automatic doors, ramping, and elevator solutions for the proposed Great Canadian Superstore at Westwood Mall.

Moved by Corinne Riedyk to accept the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

509-7 New Staff

There is a new staff person in the North East Sector who deals with leisure access issues. Cyndy Kirk-Foreman suggested that she attend a meeting to find out more about the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. Jim to invite her to a meeting.

Merle Smith suggested that we regularly invite someone from Permits and Licenses to come to our meetings as we often deal with issues that involve them. Jim to follow up with a request to the department.

509-8 Accessibility Vehicles for Parks

Bob Snowden has been looking into the accessibility vehicles used at Pacific Spirit Park and a 3 wheeled unit developed by McDonald's for use in Coquitlam Parks, in particular Mundy Park. There is a bylaw banning the use of motorized vehicles in Mundy Park. Bob Snowden was wondering if this would prohibit the use of these vehicles and whether this bylaw applied to all City parks. Laurie Cavan to look into this issue.

509-9 Budget Amounts for Accessible Intersections and Bus Stops

Bruce Holitzki would like to know how much money is in the budget for accessible intersections and bus stops. This would help the Parks and Infrastructure Accessibility Sub-Committee determine its goals for this year. Jim to follow up on.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

Nil

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be Thursday, February 3, 2000 from 7:00 pm in the Nancy Bennett Room at the Poirier Library.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Jim La Croix, Secretary

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
February 3, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, February 3, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Poirier Library, 575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Diane Thorne
Corrine Riedyk
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Bob Snowden
Lynn Jensen
Bruce Holitzki
Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham



Committee Members Absent:

Merle Smith
Nizar Shivji

Staff Present:

Michele Gagnon
Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held January 19, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Homegrown Solutions Project

It was decided that we should pass this on to the Planning and Development Department as this deals with Secondary Suites.

Moved by Cynthia Kirk-Foreman that the information on the Homegrown Solution Project be referred to Jane Pickering with our endorsement as we do not have the mandate to deal with secondary suites. – CARRIED

It was decided that the brochure on Scooter etiquette would not be helpful at this time.

518-2 Future Meeting Dates

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities will meet from 7pm to 9 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the McGee Room of the Poirier Community Centre – 640 Poirier Street.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2000.

518-3 Attendance of Other City Staff

Michele Gagnon was present on behalf of the Pinetree Community Centre. Michele deals mainly with the ethnocultural population, inviting them to access Coquitlam Leisure and Parks Services Programs. While Michele does not do any direct programming for individuals who have a disability, she can pass on information or issues on programming for people who have a disability to the other programmers at the Pinetree Community Centre.

Questions were asked about why there are no programs during the day suitable for adults who have a disability. Michele reported that there is no space as the school and college use some of the space, and the remaining space is used by pre-school and seniors programs. In the evening, much of the space is taken by rental groups.

Perry Halabuza will be our liaison with planning. He will be invited to our next meeting and then on an as needed basis.

518-4 Bylaw on Motorized Vehicles in Parks

Permission to have motorized vehicles in Mundy Park or any other city park would need to be taken to Council for consideration as the current restriction is a by-law and Council would need to advise staff to not enforce the by-law as it pertains to people with disabilities gaining access to parks. More information particularly about safety and cost would be needed for Council to make a decision.

Bob Snowden to look into further and report back to the Committee.

518-5 Reports from Sub-committees

1. Parks and Infrastructure

The Sub-committee has a checklist for assessing parks. They have just received the 2000 budget amounts for Accessible Transit Stops (\$15,000) and Wheelchair Letdowns (\$10,400). Bruce Holitzki estimated that Wheelchair Letdowns cost between \$800 and \$1000 a piece.

Jim LaCroix to get list of requested intersections that have not been done. Jim to find out how many letdowns are left to do in old sections of Coquitlam. Jim to obtain a copy of the study on sidewalk needs, and will send a copy to Public Works Committee.

2. Accessibility Awards

The Accessibility Awards sub-committee will meet on Thursday, February 10th to discuss the awards.

3. Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to report.

4. National Access Awareness Day Sub-committee

Nothing to report.

5. Building Code Sub-committee

Nothing to report.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1. GVTA

There will be a GVTA open house public forum to discuss the strategic plan at City Hall on Tuesday, February 15th from 6 pm to 9 pm. Those who cannot make it can call 453-4669, visit their website at www.translink.bc.ca, e-mail them at consult@translink.bc.ca or write to Translink Consultation at 1700 - 4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2. Everyone is encouraged to attend and voice their opinion.

2. Traffic Signal Technology

Jim LaCroix was questioned on the status of the report on New Traffic Signal Technology being put together by the Operations Department. Jim reported that he expects the report to be ready for the next meeting.

Lynn Jensen also reported that many cities are putting in traffic signals that need to be pushed for 3 seconds to activate the chirping sound. Lynn wondered what Coquitlam's position was in regards to this kind of technology.

Jim to find out what the City of Coquitlam's position was on this.

Lynn also stated that there needed to be consistent use of traffic signal technology across the Lower Mainland as it is very hard to remember the different systems or even realize when you have crossed a boundary into another municipality.

Lynn noted that the traffic signal indicator at either the corner of Pinetree and Glen or Pinetree and Guildford is not lined up properly. Cynthia Kirk-Foreman to check into which corner it is and report back to Jim, who will notify to appropriate department.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

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ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be Thursday, March 2nd from 7 pm – 9 pm in the McGee Room at the Poirier Community Centre.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

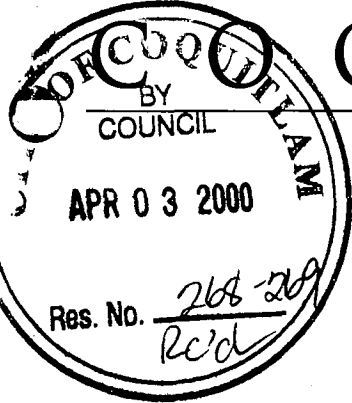
The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

J. LaCroix
Secretary

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

March 2, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne
Corrine Riedyk
Merle Smith
Nizar Shivji
Lynn Jensen
Bruce Holitzki
Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham

Committee Members Absent: Bob Snowden
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman

Staff Present: Bonnie Ste-Croix
Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 1999

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held February 3, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Motorized Vehicles in Parks

Deferred.

518-2 City's Position on 3-second Delay for Traffic Signals

The City of Coquitlam does not use the 3-second delay to activate the audible signal for traffic signals. The walk signals in Coquitlam are not automatic and must be activated by pushing a button. Pushing the walk signal button activates both the walk signal and the audible signal.

Lynn Jensen brought up the need to have consistent use of traffic signal technology between cities as it is difficult for people to remember the different systems from city to city. She made the following suggestions on coordinating Audible Signal Installation across the GVRD:

Audible Signal Installation

Requirements:

- Respond to ambient sound (i.e. the signal is louder with increased traffic noise)
- Audible locator (i.e. signal to denote placement of activator button)
- The signal "beeps" on both sides of the street simultaneously.
- Correct installation to indicate north/south and east/west (i.e. the cuckoo denotes north/south and the chirp denotes east/west).
- Vibro-tactile indicator button (signals "safe to cross" with vibrations for elderly and deaf/blind community).
- Uniform pole placement (to aid in locating the activator button)
- Voice messaging (i.e. denotes when it is safe to cross particular intersection)
- Takes into consideration advanced green arrows at intersections (i.e. the placement of the intercom to reduce transmission of signal that could be heard on the opposite side of the intersection)

Must not have:

- Delayed activation (i.e. should not have to hold the activator button down for several seconds in order to activate the audible signal)

- Another audible signal to denote when it is not safe to cross the intersection.

Jim LaCroix to talk to Neil Nyberg about which organization/association would be best to communicate the need for standardizing traffic signal technology across the GVRD.

518-3 GVTA

**COUNCIL
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Approved

Moved by Corinne Riedyk that Bruce Holitzki be made an alternate to Corinne Riedyk for the GVTA Public Advisory Committee. – Carried

Last fall, Corrine Riedyk and Deb Day from the City of Coquitlam went to a meeting regarding the strategic plan for the GVTA. Next week they are going to a follow up meeting, where objectives, strategic plan overview, transit and major road networks, management strategy and financial plan and possible obstacles will be discussed.

Corrine Riedyk also presented some information she received from the Rapid Transit Project Office regarding the Braid Street Station and the Lougheed Station:

- The Lougheed Station will only have one elevator instead of the two indicated in the original plan. Persons with disabilities and others who want to take the elevator will have to go around the station to access the elevator.
- When the Coquitlam connection is built, people will have to take two elevators to access the Coquitlam line, one to the main level and then a different elevator to the Coquitlam line.
- There will be bumps along the edge of the platform to indicate where the edge of the platform begins. This will be particularly useful for individuals who have a visual disability.
- Short guide rails at the end of the track will prevent people who exit from the elevator from accidentally going onto the tracks.
- There will possibly be Braille plaques on the bus poles indicating the bus number and route.
- There may also be signs at the bus loop indicating when the elevator is out of order so that people who have to use the elevator can ride to another station to access the Skytrain without having to get off the bus and then wait for the next bus.

- The bus loop at Lougheed Station will have only one large island, making it easier for individuals in a wheelchair or scooter to transfer between buses.
- There will also be sidewalk all the way from the bus loop to the elevator at Lougheed Station, making it safer for elevator users.

Jim LaCroix to invite Kirat Anand from the Rapid Transit Project Office to our next meeting to discuss the Lougheed Station. Jim will also send a follow-up letter stating some issues we would like follow-up on. Corinne Riedyk and Merle Smith to provide Jim with information for the letter.

518-4 Reports from Subcommittees

1. Parks and Infrastructure

They have received information regarding accessible bus stops. They are still waiting for the information regarding sidewalk letdowns. Once they receive this information, they are going to give suggestions of where to build the letdowns.

2. Accessibility Awards

The sub-committee met on February 10. They have divided up the list of potential buildings submitted by planning and will visit them in the coming months. The committee is looking at having the list of winners by the end of May, with the awards ceremony occurring at the June 19th Council meeting.

3. Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to Report

4. National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

Nothing to Report

5. Building Code sub-committee

The BC Coalition for People with Disabilities is now supporting our initiative to have the changes to section 3.8 of the BC Building Code. In addition, the coalition is calling for the reinstatement of the Building Code Advisory Committee.

Jim LaCroix to write a letter to the BC Coalition for People with Disabilities thanking them for supporting our initiative to reverse the changes to the

building code. The letter will also include our support for reinstating the Building Code Advisory Committee. The letter is to be copied to everyone who received the original letter.

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was also involved in getting the signatures of some of the 7500 people who signed a petition against the moving of G.F. Strong. The petition was successful and there will be no changes to G. F. Strong. The BC Coalition for People with Disabilities is now looking at setting up a provincial initiative with regional input that will look at the G. F. Strong situation.

Jim LaCroix to write a letter asking what the regional representation will look like and state that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities would like to be involved and have direct representation.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Superstore

Councillor Thorne reported that representatives from the Real Canadian Superstore attended a Growth Management Committee meeting. At this time, their proposal includes a ramp that turns. They have been asked to consider an elevator or increasing the number of disabled parking spaces on ground level parking.

Jim LaCroix to coordinate a tour of the Superstore with Glen Carlberg, the Real Estate Project Manager.

2. City Hall Toilet Paper Dispensers

The new toilet paper dispensers have been installed in the disabled washroom stalls of the public washrooms at City Hall.

3. School board playgrounds

It has been brought to the attention of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities that it is the School board's practice to install pea gravel in it's playgrounds. This makes the playground inaccessible for children who are in a wheelchair.

Jim LaCroix to write a letter to School Board Chair, Barb Hobson, regarding the need to make playgrounds accessible in order to include all children. Jim will also include a copy of the Play for All Committees handbook on accessible playgrounds. The letter will also be copied to the Council/School Board Liaison Committee, Bill Lowe – Director of Facilities, and the Play for All Committee.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

Nil

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be Thursday April 6 from 7pm – 9pm in the McGee Room at the Poirier Community Centre.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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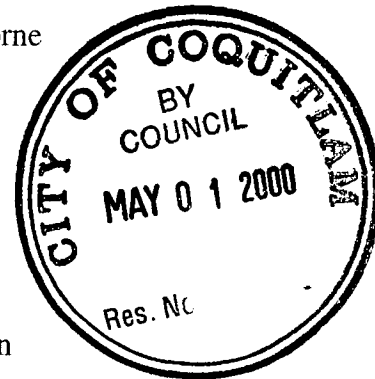
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

April 6, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present:

- Councillor Diane Thorne
- Corrine Riedyk
- Merle Smith
- Nizar Shivji
- Lynn Jensen
- Bruce Holitzki
- Keith Oldham
- Sharon Oldham
- Cynthia Kirk-Foreman



Committee Members Absent:

Bob Snowden

Guest:

Kirat Anand, Rapid Transit Project Office

Staff Present:

Jerri McBeth
Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held March 6, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Presentation by Kirat Anand – Rapid Transit Project Office

Kirat Anand from RPTO presented the plans for the Lougheed SkyTrain Station and then the committee asked him questions about accessibility.

The station will be at Lougheed and Austin. There will be access to the station from the SE corner of Lougheed and Austin by the Sears outlet and the NE corner by Lougheed Mall. The SkyTrain platform will be located over top of Austin Avenue. The bus loop will be relocated to the SE station and Government Street will be extended to form a drop-off (kiss and ride) area. Both stations will have elevator access. There are stairs from Lougheed Hwy to the SE station, but the incline is quite steep and they are not expecting any pedestrian traffic, so a ramp is not feasible. The walkway from the bus loop to the Skytrain Station will be covered. There will be 2 ft. wide bright yellow pads with small projections to indicate the edge of the platform.

The Mayor's Committee questioned the height of the elevator panels and asked that they be lowered. The RPTO will also look into having yellow curbing on all edges, clear signage, strong colour contrasts between changes of elevation and along edges and bright lighting. The committee also noted the lack of parking around the station.

The consultant for handicapped access is Brad McConnel. Corinne Riedyk has been trying to contact him. Kirat Anand will give Corinne's phone number to Brad and ask him to contact her.

Transit Open House Dates:

Wed. April 12 at Douglas College from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tues. April 18 at Burquitlam Elementary from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

There may be other dates. Check your local paper for other dates or phone Jim at 933-6031.

518-2 Motorized Vehicles in Parks

Deferred.

518-3 Standardizing Traffic Signal Technology

There are national agencies set up to review and coordinate standards for traffic control devices. An upcoming report to the IM Committee will recommend onward

transmittal to such a coordinating agency. The lower mainland municipalities will soon adopt common standards through TransLink. The common standards will likely be related to a national code of practice. This should gradually eliminate differences in traffic signal practice among cities.

518-4 Technical Assessment of Audible Pedestrian Signals

A number of communities use the same system as the City of Coquitlam. The report does not indicate if Port Coquitlam or Port Moody are using the same system, but Burnaby does. The committee will send a letter supporting the Pollaris System to TransLink and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control, carbon copying ASIC (Advocates for Sight Impaired Canadians). Jim to write the letter and include the letters of support received from current users of the system.

Lynn Jensen noted that the audible pedestrian signal on the SW corner of Pinetree and Guildford by City Hall is located quite far from the intersection. This makes it hard to find the button to activate the signal as well as when the signal is going, the sound comes from off to the side, throwing off the person's sense of direction. Jerri McBeth to check into this and either find a solution for this problem or deactivate the system as it is dangerous.

518-5 Information on City Sidewalks

Jerri McBeth handed out a list of the requested letdowns for this year. It appears that all the requested letdowns can be completed with this year's budget. The requests should go to tender and be completed very soon.

Jerri also noted that if the residents vote to make improvements to their neighbourhoods through the Neighbourhood Improvement Program, letdowns will be included with the sidewalks.

Corinne Riedyk and Bruce Holitzki have written up the following ad requesting residents to give input regarding accessibility improvements:

"The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities asks for written submissions from the disability community regarding locations in the city where accessibility and mobility could be improved. Areas of concern include sidewalks, intersections, audible pedestrian signals, parks, public buildings and public parking areas. Please submit your information, in writing, to Mr. J. LaCroix, Committee Secretary, 640 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, BC V3J 6B1.

Jim to talk to Clerk's office about having this put in a weekend bulletin.

518-6 Superstore Tour

The plans for the Superstore are not yet finished. They should be completed in time for the May meeting. Since Project Manager, Glen Carlberg, will be away, he will check to see if the architect could attend the meeting in his place.

518-7 GVTA

Future Search meeting went well. Deb Day was able to bring up several disability issues with her discussion group.

They are looking at installing smart technology in SkyTrain Stations. This would mean that instead of turnstiles, there would be a scanner checking to make sure that everyone pays their fare.

Corinne Riedyk to submit a list of names and addresses of transit officials for people to write to if they have a complaint about transit service.

518-8 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

Corinne Riedyk went on a tour of Como Lake Park with City staff. Immediate improvements to the park will include asphalt paths in certain areas, handicapped parking in the South parking lot, gravel added to certain paths, a rail added to the accessible dock, some of the benches will be made more accessible, and accessible picnic tables will be added by the playground and at the south end of the park.

Corinne Reidyk and Bruce Holitzki met regarding accessible bus stops. They have an updated list of bus stops and they are looking at increasing the number of accessible bus stops along Como Lake, Brunette and Alderson. Many of these bus stops already meet the criteria to make them accessible. They just need to be decaled. They are looking at bus stops near the future Skytrain route and near where people with disabilities live. They would like planning to let them know areas where people with disabilities live. Jim to look into.

Accessibility Awards

They have divided up the list of potential buildings submitted by planning. Some of the buildings have already been visited. Jim to inform Sonia at the Clerk's office of the date of the awards.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to Report

National Access Awareness Day Sub-committee

Event will be held on Saturday, June 3. Jim to check into the date of the Teddy Bear Picnic to see if Committee can get involved with this event. Jim will meet next week with Nizar Shivji and Cyndy Kirk-Foreman. SPARC has been contacted and supplies have been ordered.

Jim will write draft proclamation for "National Access Awareness Day".

Building Code sub-committee

Letters went out supporting changing building code back.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

There is now an automatic door at the back of the Sports Centre. Jim will ask Clerk's Office to put in Community Bulletin.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

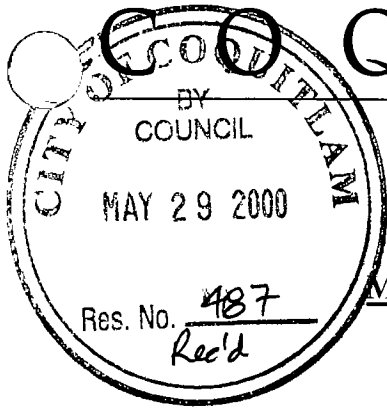
The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MAY 4, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne
Corrine Riedyk
Merle Smith
Lynn Jensen
Bruce Holitzki

Committee Members Absent: Nizar Shivji
Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman

Guests: Sylvia Kroski
Coti Kroski

Staff Present: Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held April 6, 2000 with the following amendments:

Under Item III, section 518-1, the first sentence should read "After sending a letter to the RPTO listing our minimal requirements and concerns, and at our invitation, Kirat Anand from RPTO ..."

Same section, second paragraph, last sentence should read "There will be 2ft. wide bright yellow strips with raised surfaces to indicate the edge of the platform."

Same section, third paragraph, last sentence should read "The committee also noted with dismay the almost total lack of parking around the station, which will greatly restrict access and usage by anyone who does not have another

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person who is available to drop them off and pick them up, **especially seniors and people with disabilities.**”

Same section, fourth paragraph, a last sentence should be added “Merle Smith will also be speaking to Brad.”

Item III, section 518-7, second paragraph, a last sentence should be added “Merle Smith noted that alternatives be suggested for people who are severely disabled.”

Item III, section 518-8, under Accessibility Awards, the first sentence should be “The subcommittee met on February 10.”

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Presentation on Superstore

Deferred to next meeting.

518-2 Letter from ASIC

The committee will keep an eye on traffic signal technology. The committee will put it on its agenda every couple of months. Lynn Jensen will get documents on standards from Rob Sleeth of ASIC.

518-3 Strategic Planning Process

Copies of the community survey were handed out and committee members can either drop the surveys at any City facility or bring them to the next Mayor's Committee Meeting.

The Committee also came up with the vision that “Accessibility should be from cradle to grave”. Jim to pass this onto Jennifer Wilkie. If committee members think of any other statements that they feel should be considered for the community plan, they can send them to Jim and he will pass them on to Jennifer.

518-4 Traffic Signal at Guildford and Pinetree

Lynn Jensen has talked to Brian Olsen from Operations and he is looking into fixing that traffic signal.

518-5 GVTA

GVTA met last night. Bruce Holitzki is the new alternate for the GVTA.

The GVTA is currently looking at a vehicle surcharge tax averaging about \$75.00 per vehicle. They are looking at exempting people with disabilities, seniors and people with limited incomes. It was noted by Corinne Riedyk that people with disabilities could currently get their gas tax back.

The following are some of the possible criteria for applying the tax:

- Cost-effectiveness
- Lowest possible cost to the consumer
- Reduce emissions – CO2 burning
- Public Support
- Fairness and equity
- Reduce Traffic congestion
- Promote public transit
- Avoid penalizing motorists on fixed incomes (seniors, the disabled)
- Simplicity

The following are some alternative methods for applying vehicle charge:

- Flat tax
- ICBC insurance classes (leisure, commercial, etc.)
- Sliding scale based on the model's emission rating
- Sliding scale: gross vehicle weight
- Sliding scale: distance traveled
- Transit fare discounts for vehicle charge payers
- Exemptions, discounts or refunds for seniors and the disabled
- Exemptions discounts or refunds for motorcyclists
- Exemptions, discounts or refunds for recreation vehicles and antique cars

Corinne Riedyk would like committee members to consider these options or create new ones and bring their ideas to the next meeting. At next meeting, the committee will look at writing a letter to the GVTA with our opinions.

518-6 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

Operations have a budget to build accessible bus stops. They would like input from this subcommittee. Jim is to contact Jerri McBeth regarding decaling all stops on Como Lake. Jerri to let Jim know about any unacceptable bus stops and the City can work to make those stops accessible. Upgrading is needed for the bus stops at Como Lake and Blue Mountain and at Como Lake and Townley.

The subcommittee has received one letter so far regarding their notice in the local paper.

Jim is to write a letter regarding the scheduling of buses. The #156 route used to be an accessible route, but they have made one of the buses on the route non-accessible. The letter is to state that the committee would like this reversed when the next schedule comes out, and that the committee does not want to see this happen with other routes.

Accessibility Awards

They have seen some of the buildings. They need to see all the buildings and have the information to Jim by the end of May.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to Report

National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

The event has been moved to June 11, so that a display can be put up in the Teddy Bear picnic. The subcommittee felt that they would be able to reach more people that way. The proclamation of Access Awareness Day was also changed to the week of Jun 11-17, to include the committees Access Awareness events. It was noted that the subcommittee should have reported back to the committee that they planned to change the dates on the proclamation and let the committee vote on the issue before the proclamation went forward. The committee also felt that we should have still used the work "National" in the proclamation.

Building Code sub-committee

We have not received a reply to our letter from two months ago. Jim to write a reminder notice asking for a reply to our original letter and send a copy to everyone on the original letter.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Disabled parking is now free in the Town Centre Parking Management Area. Vehicles that are parked in disabled parking space, displaying a valid disabled placard, are no longer required to pay to park in these spaces.

Councilor Thorne will not be at the June meeting. The group will need to decide who will run the meeting next month.

The doors to the disabled washroom at the Poirier Library are now locked. A person needs full manual dexterity to unlock the door. Jim will write a letter to the library asking them to remove the lock and replace it with a more accessible lock.

The BCGEU letter noted that the province is looking at making cuts to Home Support Services. Jim to write a letter to Health Minister Mike Farnworth advocating for the need to maintain or increase Home Support Services. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Penny Priddy, the past Health Minister and the BCGEU.

There will be an accessible bus at two locations this month for people to test their skills at getting on and off the bus in a wheelchair, scooter or motorized wheelchair. The bus will be at the parking lot of Evergreen Cultural Centre on Saturday May 27 for 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and it will be at the Poirier Recreation Centre on Monday May 29 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The committee would like to congratulate Corinne Riedyk for her part in the Trans-Canada Trail Relay.

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

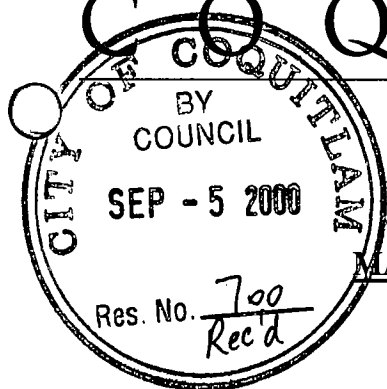
ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

June 1, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Nizar Shivji
Corrine Riedyk
Merle Smith
Lynn Jensen

Committee Members Absent: Councillor Diane Thorne
Bruce Holitzki
Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman

Guests: Rob Sleath - ASIC
Glenn Calberg - Westfair Properties
Wally Ewert - Chandler Associates Architecture Inc.

Staff Present: Jim LaCroix

ITEM I - MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held May 4, 2000 with the following amendments:

Under Item III, section 518-5, the last sentence of the second paragraph should read "It was noted by Corinne Riedyk that people with disabilities can currently get their gas tax back by provincial and federal gas tax rebates."

Under Item IV, third paragraph, the first sentence should read "The door to the one disabled washroom at the Poirier Library is now locked"

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Presentation on Superstore

Glen Calberg and Wally Ewert gave a presentation regarding the new Superstore being built in the Westwood Mall at the corner of Lougheed Hwy and Christmas Way.

The store will be located on the west side of the mall and will cover about 148 000 square feet. The store will be elevated with a parking deck below the store, resulting in more parking spots and limited traffic flow. Westfair Properties will be adding let downs and upgrading existing letdowns on the perimeter sidewalk. A sidewalk will be added to link Westwood Street to the site. Sidewalk pedestrian routes will also be added from Christmas and Lougheed and the sidewalk along the front of the mall will be widened. This will result in pedestrian routes on all four sides of the mall instead of the existing two. There will be a covered walkway from the mall to the SuperStore entrance. A ramp will connect the SuperStore to the parking level.

The traffic signal on the corner of Westwood and Lougheed will be updated. Committee requested that pedestrian friendly technology, including an audible signal be looked at for that site. Webb Engineering is looking after that the traffic signal. The City needs to request this from Webb Engineering.

There will be eight handicapped parking spaces in the new parking level adjacent to the ramp in addition to the four existing parking spaces in the parking lot. There are plans to add curbs and planters to the existing parking lot to minimize cars cutting through the lot. The Committee recommended minimizing the details as often planters and curbs become barriers for individuals who have mobility problems. The Committee also recommended painting any barriers and curbs bright yellow to make them easier to see. There will be verticle signage as well as markings on the stall to indicate that the space is designated for handicapped parking. There will be no curbs in the parkade until you reach the sidewalk.

The ramp from the parking level to the SuperStore will have a width of 8' clear between the handrails, will be 200' long and will have a 5% grade. There will be a 16' by 30' landing half way up the ramp. The ramp is outside, but covered. The current plans to not include an elevator. The original plans called for an elevator, but the elevator was taken out when the restaurant was moved from the mezzanine

to the ground floor. The staff area, now on the mezzanine, is not barrier free. People with disabilities may not be able to access the staff area. The Committee strongly recommends that the staff area be made accessible for everyone.

The Committee advised that displays and planters should be kept off sidewalks and aisles to ensure adequate space to travel. The Committee also recommends that there be colour contrasts between the floors and walls and that changes in elevation be indicated with yellow markings.

Wally Ewert to send plans for the washrooms to the Committee.

518-2 Rob Sleath - ASIC

Rob Sleath updated the committee in regards to coordinating traffic signal technology within the Lower Mainland.

The pilot project in Vancouver has been an overwhelming success.

The North Shore communities wanted to coordinate standards for audible pedestrian signals. Rob Sleath and ASIC have been working with the North Shore communities and are coming up with a proposed list of standards. ASIC would like to see these common standards adopted across the GVRD. Rob reported that the current standards are very poor and are only recommendations.

Rob will be giving a copy of the proposed list of standards once it is finished and will be looking for feedback.

Polara is coming to Vancouver on June 22 to do a presentation to traffic engineers. All GVRD communities have been contacted, they are just waiting to hear back from three communities.

518-3 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

No report.

Accessibility Awards

Merle Smith to let send Jim the list of winners by Monday. Subcommittee members are taking pictures of the winning buildings and will contact the winners about the awards ceremony. Merle will write the speech and send it to Jim. Subcommittee members need to send their notes to Merle.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to Report

National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

The NAAD event is happening at the Teddy Bear picnic. Items have been received from SPARC, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and from the City of Coquitlam. Cyndy Kirk-Foreman is organizing the children's activity. Nizar Shivji is looking for volunteers. Jim to submit names of volunteers to the Teddy Bear picnic organizers.

Building Code sub-committee

No report.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

None

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

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A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, September 7, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne, Chair
Nizar Shivji
Corrine Riedyk
Bruce Holitzki
Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman



Committee Members Absent: Merle Smith

Staff Present: Jim LaCroix, Recreation Program Coordinator

ITEM I - MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held June 1, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Proclamation of Community Living Days Month

Councilor Thorne noted that Council is moving away from making proclamations. It was suggested that a presentation be done to Council on Community Living Days Month. Cyndy Kirk-Foreman agreed to talk to Trevor Wingrove about doing a presentation at the next Council meeting.

518-2 Future Presenters

The following people were suggested as future presenters:

Sam Sullivan, Vancouver City Councillor and developer of Tetra, an umbrella organization that includes many groups accessed by individuals who have a disability. Some of the programs that are managed by Tetra include disabled sailing, and the adaptive music program.

Bonnie Friesen, Program Coordinator with Vancouver Parks and Recreation who organizes several programs for individuals who have a disability, including ocean kayaking.

Perry Halabuza, with permits and license to discuss the building code handbook.

Lynn Guilbault, with planning and development to discuss housing for people who have a disability and the cities mandate for social housing.

Traffic technologist from planning to discuss some of the issues people with disabilities have with current traffic/pedestrian systems.

Staff was given direction to try and book Sam Sullivan and Bonnie Friesen first.

Staff agreed to write a letter to the Chairs of the other City committees, inviting the members of their committees to attend a Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting as the issues of people who have a disability cross into all aspect of life.

518-3 Cuts to Home Support Services

The Committee was encouraged to write a letter to the Honourable Mike Farnsworth, Minister of Health, indicating their support for increasing funding for Home Support Services. Letters can be given to J. La Croix at our next meeting and he will send them to the Honourable Mike Farnsworth.

518-4 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

No report.

Accessibility Awards

It was reported that the Awards Ceremony went well.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

The Play for All Committee is burned out after raising funds for accessible playground equipment in Blue Mountain Park. The task of creating accessible playgrounds in Coquitlam parks is enormous. Cyndy Kirk-Foreman is going to see if the Society for Community Development would be interested in taking this over. It was suggested that the committee take a year off to recharge.

The Spirit of Community Living Committee is organizing an event on Saturday October 28 to celebrate Community Living Month (October). An arts and crafts fair will be held from 12:00 – 4:00 in the Mike Butler Room of Dogwood Pavilion. This free event will include lots of activities for children and arts and crafts by local citizens, including some individuals who have a disability. Following the arts and crafts fair, there will be a Halloween Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 also in the Mike Butler Room. The cost for the dance will be \$5.00. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Cross Roads Hospice Society.

It was agreed that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities would approach the City regarding having the fee for erecting a banner promoting October as Community Living Month waived.

National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

The event at the Teddy Bear picnic went well. Nizar thanked everyone for their participation, particularly Cyndy Kirk-Foreman who played a critical role in organizing the event and the volunteers. Volunteers were sent a thank you.

Building Code sub-committee

No report.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic

It was noted that right turn islands could be very dangerous for pedestrians, particularly people who have a disability. Individuals who are blind may think they have reached the curb, when in fact they still have to cross the right turn lane.

Bruce Holitzki noted that at the north west corner of Pinetree and Glen, there is no sidewalk, and individuals who are in a scooter or wheelchair cannot reach the button to activate the cross signal.

Bruce Holitzki to contact Al Geoghegan on behalf of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to discuss the Pinetree Way corridor and in particular the corner fo Pinetree and Glen.

Translink (GVTA)

There will be an Open House regarding the proposed \$75.00 levy by Translink at City Hall on Wednesday September 20 from 6 pm – 9 pm.

Those not able to attend the Open House can participate in a phone poll to express their opinion. The number for the phone poll is 444-5777 and the deadline for participating is October 6.

Burquitlam Gardens Park

On Saturday September 16 from 1:00 – 4:00 there will be an official opening for the Burquitlam Gardens Park. This community garden is fully accessible.

Provincial Governance Model for Rehabilitation Services

Tabled until next meeting.

ITEM V – Tabled Items

Nil.

ITEM VI – Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2000.

ITEM VII - Adjournment

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CHAIR

J. La-Croix
Secretary to the Committee

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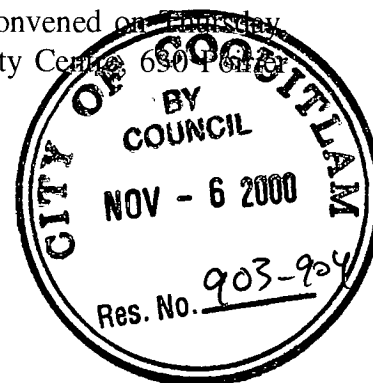
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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on ~~Thursday~~ ^{Friday} October 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 690 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:



Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne, Chair
Merle Smith
Corrine Riedyk
Bruce Holitzki
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman

Committee Members Absent: Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Nizar Shivji

Staff Present: Jim LaCroix, Recreation Program Coordinator

ITEM I - MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held September 7, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Proclamation of Community Living Days Month
Cyndy Kirk-Foreman did a presentation at the last council meeting about Community Living Month.

Pinetree Way corridor

It was felt that a copy of the letter that Bruce Holitzki wrote regarding the concerns about the Pinetree Way corridor should be sent to the Public Safety Committee and the Transportation Committee.

Jim to send letter on to the other committees.

Cuts to Home Support Services

People were finding it hard to write a letter of support. It was felt that it would be easier if people had a draft letter they could use as a template. Merle Smith and Jim to write a draft letter and send it to committee members.

Play for All Committee

The Society for Community Development is willing to do another forum on the issue of accessible parks, but does not want to take over the Play for All Committee. It was brought up that TACA might be interested in being involved with the Play for All Committee. Jim to write a letter explaining the purpose of the Play for All Committee.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Provincial Governance Model for Rehabilitatin Services

There has been no update from the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities regarding their draft paper and the meeting of stakeholders that was to be held in September. Jim to contact the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities to get an update.

518-2 Future Presenters

Sam Sullivan, Vancouver City Councillor and developer of Tetra, is unavailable until the new year. Jim to contact his office once a meeting schedule for 2001 has been set up.

Bonnie Friesen, Program Coordinator with Vancouver Parks and Recreation would like to do a presentation in the spring.

Jim to see if Lynn Guilbault, with Planning and Development is available to attend the November meeting to discuss housing for people who have a disability and the city's mandate for social housing.

Merle Smith suggested that someone from the Simon Fraser Health Region be invited to discuss the regions policy on the treatment of people with cardiac arrests in emergency rooms and do not resuscitate orders. It was decided that this does not fall under this committees mandate, but that it should be suggested that council invite someone to speak at a council meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION **The Committee recommends that City Council invite a representative from the Simon Fraser Health Region to report to Council on the treatment of people with cardiac arrests at Hospital Emergency Rooms and "Do Not Resussitate" orders.**

518-3 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

Bruce Holitzki requested to know next year's annual budget for wheelchair letdowns and the list of parks upgrades proposed for 2001.

Jim to get the information.

Accessibility Awards

Nothing to report.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Cyndy Kirk-Foreman was wondering about having the banner put up for Community Living Days. Councillor Thorne said that she would check into this.

National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

No report.

Building Code sub-committee

No report.

GVTA

There was a presentation by the Jack Bell Foundation at the last GVTA meeting about their car-pooling services. None of the vehicles used by the Jack Bell Foundatin for car-pooling are accessible for people with disabilities.

518-4 Presentation on New Building Code

Perry Halabuza from Permits and Licences led a discussion on the recent changes to the BC Building Code in relation to code requirements that affect individuals who have a disability. Perry Halabuza is a member of a committee that discusses changes to the building code.

Perry had a hand out that explained the nre changes to the building code. Perry felt that most of the changes to the building code were positive changes or had no affect on accessibility. The one change that had a negative effect on accessibility was the lowering of the disabled toilet seat height so that it matches American standards. This makes the toilets less accessible than the old BC Building Code standards.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM V – TABLED ITEMS

Nil.

ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2000.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CHAIR

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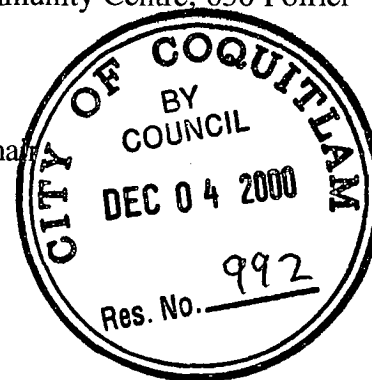


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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2000

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Diane Thorne, Chair
Merle Smith
Corrine Riedyk
Bruce Holitzki
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Nizar Shivji



Committee Members Absent: Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham

Guest: Councillor Maxine Wilson

Staff Present: Jim LaCroix, Recreation Program Coordinator

ITEM I - MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2000

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held October 5, 2000 with the following change:

Under 518-4 the second to last sentence should read "... toilet seat height so that it matches the company American Standard.", not "so that it matches American standards".

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ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Future Presenters

There will be no more presenters this year. Jim will start booking future presenters for next year. The committee would like to see a representative from the Simon Fraser Health Region come to the next meeting to discuss services for people with disabilities and who represents people with disabilities on the Health Board. Jim will try to book it for the January meeting.

Pinetree Corridor

There will be a presentation on the Pinetree Corridor at the next Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday November 7.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Annual Budgets for Letdowns and Park Upgrades

The proposed budget for accessible letdowns for next year is \$11, 000 and the proposed budget for transit stops is \$25, 000. The Park and Infrastructure subcommittee will submit a list of suggested upgrades.

The following parks have had proposals to be upgraded:

Cottonwood Park will go through a park design process.

Como Lake Park has a capital request for accessibility and general improvements.

Dacre Park is getting a new multi-purpose court.

Possibly doing some work on a new BMX track at Town Centre Park.

Some trail work will be done under the BC Hydro right of way near Mundy Park.

Crown Park in Westwood Plateau will have some design work done.

There will be minor playground improvements, but it is not known where they will be yet.

The Committee questioned what was happening with the accessible playground that is to be put in Blue Mountain Park. Jim to write a letter requesting a time line for the work and a date of completion.

518-2 Update on BC Coalition for People with Disabilities Draft Paper

Jim contacted the BC Coalition for People with Disabilities to find out what has happened with the draft paper on provincial rehabilitation services. The Coalition

has not finished the draft paper yet, but they will be sending a copy of the draft to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities once it is finished.

518-3 Celebrating the Spirit of Community Living Celebration

The event raised over \$1, 200 for the Crossroads Hospice Society . There were over 200 people at the Halloween Dance and the craft sale went well. It would have been nice to have more people at the craft sale, but everyone got a pumpkin. Thanks to Cyndy Kirk-Foreman for all her hard work.

518-4 December Meeting

The December meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at Aleko's Restaurant (1001B Austin Avenue)

518-5 Reports from Subcommittees

Parks and Infrastructure

Nothing more to report.

Accessibility Awards

Nothing to report.

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living Committees

Nothing to report.

National Access Awareness Day sub-committee

No report.

Building Code sub-committee

Merle Smith is still advocating to raise the height of accessible toilet seats.

GVTA

Nothing to report

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Merle Smith reminded everyone to write a letter about Home Support Services to the Health Minister and to encourage others to write as well.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

Nil.

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2000.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CHAIR

J. La-Croix
Secretary to the Committee