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ON DISABILITIES

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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES MINUTES**

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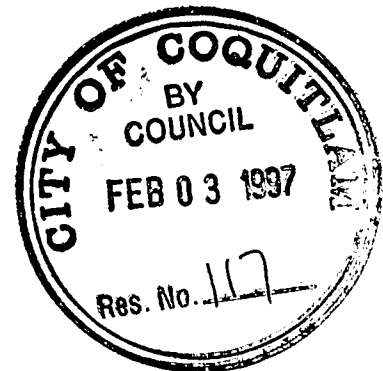


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Mayor L. Sekora

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM - POIRIER STREET**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson  
C. Paterson  
C. Johnston  
M. Smith  
D. McInnes  
C. Riedyk  
L. Hauser  
G. Wong



Committee Members Absent: C. Talbot

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Leisure and Parks Projects

No report with Pinetree Community Centre or City Hall.

G. Wong will arrange for a tour of the Justice Building for Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

The next Committee Meeting will be scheduled at the Cultural Complex for Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Committee will be highlighting any outstanding access items with V. Sudra of Permits and Licences.

The Committee received a response from P. Halabuza of Permits and Licences regarding Place des Arts. M. Smith will review and report back to the Committee.

503-2 Update on Parking Enforcement

G. Wong reported that she received an update from K. Wright of Permits and Licences regarding the Parking Enforcement Program for individuals with disabilities. T. Murphy will be arranging the order of new disabled parking signs that are to replace old signs. The zoning bylaw regarding the signs will need to be amended and forwarded to Council for approval. At this time, an increase in the fine for violators will also be proposed.

503-3 Update on B.C. Transit

G. Wong reported that the representative from the Vancouver Region Custom Transit Advisory Committee (V.R.C.T.A.C.) will not be meeting until January 16th and, therefore, will not be able to respond to the issue of the location of meetings until that time. C. Riedyk reported that two individuals from Chimo Achievement Centre have expressed an interest in participating and that the location of the meetings is not an issue. L. Bidy, who is also from the group, was initially interested but has now declined. G. Wong will follow up with the two individuals.

503-4 Update on Accessibility Directory

C. Johnston reported that the Coquitlam Foundation has approved in principle an amount of \$300 towards the creation of an Accessibility Directory. G. Wong will update the letter for the Foundation requesting the amount of \$300. Councillor B. Melville recommended that the Chamber of Commerce be invited to a future Committee Meeting to discuss the directory since businesses may wish to be included in the booklet. G. Wong reported that the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. is currently funding programs of this nature. She will inquire about funding procedures.

503-5 Update on Town Centre Parking

G. Wong reported that she received an update from L. Silva of Engineering regarding Town Centre Parking. A report will be forwarded to Council at the January 20th meeting. She will update us when there is further information.

503-6 Update on Accessible Bus Stops

C. Riedyk reported that she was in contact with Mr. Yang of B.C. Transit who will be sending her a map of all accessible bus stops in Coquitlam. She will also write a letter to B.C. Transit to inform the Corporation about the Committee's idea for the creation of an Accessibility Directory and whether they wish to include an accessible transit map of Coquitlam.

503-7 Update on Meeting Topics

M. Smith facilitated discussion about possible guests attending future Committee Meetings. The Committee recommended that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce attend in March and that a representative from Students Services of School District 43 attend in April. C. Johnston will check into a representative from Health Care. C. Paterson will check into inviting our counterpart from Vancouver.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-8 Information-Sharing

M. Smith reported that she has had experiences with B.C. Place and the Orpheum where the railing in front of the wheelchair seating is not a deterrent as with the Cultural Complex. She will inquire into the matter to provide more information for Permits and Licences.

503-9 Accessibility Awards

G. Wong reported that it is a good time to implement the City's Sixth Annual Accessibility Awards. M. Smith and C. Paterson volunteered to sit on the Awards Committee. G. Wong will also inquire with C. Talbot and P. Halabuza of Permits and Licences. Councillor B. Melville recommended that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Commerce requesting their interest in sponsoring the award plaques, that they be given the first opportunity to participate. G. Wong will write the letter on behalf of the Committee. The Committee also recommended that an ongoing list of the winners be displayed to provide for a sense of history. G. Wong will put together the list for the Awards Committee.

503-10 Terms of Reference of the Committee

G. Wong distributed information about the Committee regarding its Terms of References, Action Plan, and Survey of Civic Buildings. The Committee recommended that the information be revised at its next meeting.

ITEM III - NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 1997 - 7:00 p.m. at the Gallery Room of the Evergreen Cultural Complex, Coquitlam. (Please note the change in location.)**

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CHAIR

G. Wong  
Secretary

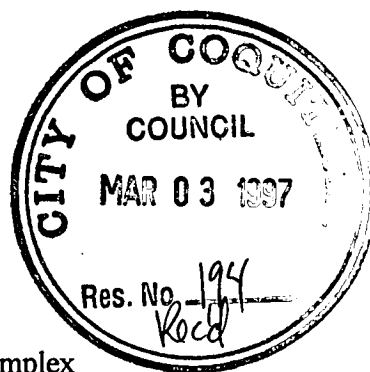


Mayor L. Sekora

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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
EVERGREEN CULTURAL COMPLEX - 1205 PINETREE WAY**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson  
C. Johnston  
M. Smith  
D. McInnes  
C. Riedyk  
C. Talbot  
G. Wong



Committee Members Absent: L. Hauser

Guests: V. Sudra, Permits and Licences  
D. Acaster, Evergreen Cultural Complex

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

No report with City Hall.

G. Wong will arrange for a tour of the Justice Building for either Tuesday, February 11th (preferred day) or Wednesday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m.

G. Wong reported that she is to inquire about the status of Pinetree Community Centre through Bill Low of School District No. 43.

503-2 Update on B.C. Transit

G. Wong reported that she has not heard back from the B.C. Transit Committee and therefore, will follow up with a telephone call regarding the two individuals from Chimo Achievement Centre who have expressed an interest in sitting on the Committee.

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503-3 Update on Accessibility Directory

G. Wong provided C. Johnston with an update of the letter for the Coquitlam Foundation regarding funding of the directory. C. Johnston reported that he will be meeting with the Foundation on Saturday, February 8th. G. Wong reported that she inquired about funding with the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. They have funded similar directories in the past. G. Wong will obtain a copy of the application form and bring to the next meeting. In addition, she inquired with the Chamber of Commerce about a possible role who agreed to attend the next meeting as a guest. At that meeting, the Committee will also discuss the opportunity for the Chamber to sponsor the award plaques for the Accessibility Awards.

503-4 Update on Accessible Bus Stops

C. Riedyk reported that she was in contact with B.C. Transit who provided her with a map of accessible bus stops in Coquitlam. She also reported that according to the City, there is no money this year for the curb cut program. G. Wong responded that she will confirm with C. Mohoruk of Traffic. Regarding the accessibility directory, C. Riedyk recommended that the location of the accessible bus stops be included rather than the transit routes because the former rarely changes.

503-5 Update on Meeting Topics

G. Wong reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be attending the March meeting and that Student Services of School District No. 43 will be attending the April meeting. C. Johnston will look into Health Care. M. Smith will look into a representative from the Vancouver Access Committee.

503-6 Update on Accessibility Awards

C. Talbot reported that she and M. Smith met to discuss this year's awards. A press release will be placed in the local papers towards the end of February. P. Halabuza from Permits and Licences will be asked to forward the information to any real estate, development and architect publications. G. Wong will send off the press release and contact P. Halabuza. The Committee recommended that C. Paterson be commemorated at the awards ceremony.



503-7 Revision of Terms of References

M. Smith and C. Riedyk volunteered to revise the terms of reference.

503-8 Parks Master Plan

G. Wong reported that L. Hauser has been appointed to the Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-9 Guests: V. Sudra, Permits and Licences and  
D. Acaster, Evergreen Cultural Complex

The Committee invited V. Sudra and D. Acaster to the meeting for the purpose of highlighting any outstanding access items. The following issues were raised:

1. Regular washroom - change handles to lever  
(far left sink) - is soap dispenser placed forward enough?  
- extend mirror further down?
2. Signage to indicate washroom - according to V. Sudra, to be installed.
3. Signage to indicate area of greatest access.
4. Balcony - according to V. Sudra, the railings will be lowered by six (6) inches as the sound boards.
5. Wheelchair seating in theatre - D. Acaster will develop a written protocol policy regarding reservations.
6. Stairwell - according to V. Sudra, the open edges will be filled.
7. Strip lighting needed at top of stairs to indicate change in gradient inside theatre.
8. Correspondence to M. Smith regarding grab bars - V. Sudra will forward a copy of the installation to M. Smith. Committee is asking for an exception from Victoria in hopes of eventually changing code.

503-10 Information-Sharing

D. McInnes reported that at the Granville Skytrain Station where there is no elevator, an individual who uses a wheelchair was denied access to the escalator.

C. Riedyk inquired about whether it would be possible to make a bus stop accessible when a ditch is being filled by the City. Councillor B. Melville will look into the matter.

503-11 Taxi Service Correspondence

G. Wong reported that a resident from the community wrote a letter to the Mayor regarding a number of incidents with the wheelchair taxi service and Handi-Dart. The Committee recommended that each member receive a copy of the correspondence and that the issue be discussed at the next meeting.

503-12 Coalition Against No Fault

G. Wong reported that a support letter was sent to the B.C. Coalition for People with Disabilities regarding our position of being against no fault insurance.

503-13 C. Paterson

M. Smith recommended that a memento be placed in a public building in honour of C. Paterson. She spoke about a watercolour painting that C. Paterson saw at the Library on Poirier and enjoyed. M. Smith tracked down the artist who once hearing about C. Paterson offered to donate the painting. She recommended that the painting be hung at the Evergreen Cultural Centre because of C. Paterson's strong interest in the arts. D. Acaster recommended that a letter outlining the Committee's request be forwarded to the Evergreen Cultural Centre Society. G. Wong will write the letter on behalf of the Committee and send to D. Acaster.

**ITEM III - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier St.

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CHAIR

G. Wong  
Secretary



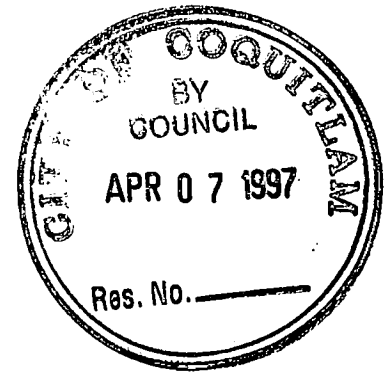
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MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson  
C. Johnston  
M. Smith  
C. Riedyk  
D. McInnes  
L. Hauser  
G. Wong

Committee Members Absent: C. Talbot



**ITEM I - MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 1997**

Minutes of Meeting held on February 6, 1997, were adopted as circulated with the exception of the following change:

Item I - 503-4 - should read that C. Riedyk recommended that the location of the bus routes be included in the proposed Accessibility Directory.

**ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

No report with City Hall.

M. Smith reported that Bob Thompson from Victoria has given verbal approval for the grab bar figuration at the Cultural Complex as requested by the Committee. A Provincial amendment will be needed. M. Smith informed K. Wright of this matter.

G. Wong contacted Bill Low from School District No. 43 regarding a future tour of Pinetree Community Centre. He anticipates a May/June tour. G. Wong will contact him at that time.

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M. Smith has asked that P. Halabuza from Permits and Licences give her a call regarding his memo of Place des Arts dated back in June '96. G. Wong will follow up with P. Halabuza.

G. Wong has inquired with V. Sudra of Permits and Licences regarding the list of access items that were generated for the Cultural Complex. He will respond to the list.

#### 503-2 Update on B.C. Transit

G. Wong reported that she has made contact with the two representatives from Chimo Achievement Centre regarding their attendance with the B.C. Transit Committee. They did participate in the February meeting and are interested in continuing as contributing members. The Committee recommended that a thank you letter be sent to the two representatives, Carmela Rossi and Angela Sulyma. G. Wong will send the thank you letters.

#### 503-3 Update on Accessibility Directory

C. Johnston reported that the Coquitlam Foundation has generously donated \$300 towards the Accessibility Directory. The Committee recommended that a thank you letter be sent to the Foundation. G. Wong will send the thank you letter. Councillor B. Melville suggested that we apply to the Hamber Foundation. He will make an inquiry and pass the information onwards to G. Wong. G. Wong circulated a copy of the Real Estate Foundation application form. L. Hauser volunteered to complete the form on behalf of the Committee. G. Wong reported that two staff could be hired through the Federal Government Summer Career Placement Program. The Committee recommended that two staff be hired with an emphasis in hiring one student with a disability.

#### 503-4 Update on Accessible Bus Stops

C. Riedyk reported that she sent a letter to B.C. Transit regarding the possibility of incorporating accessible bus routes in the Accessibility Directory.

#### 503-5 Update on Meeting Topics

G. Wong reported that Student Services of School District No. 43 and Dave Palidwor of Parks & Environment Services will be attending the April meeting. C. Johnston will look into Health Care. M. Smith will look into a representative from the Vancouver Access Committee.

503-6 Update on Accessibility Awards

G. Wong reported that she sent a fax regarding the awards to the media. M. Smith reported that P. Halabuza of Permits and Licences will be distributing the information to architect and developer publications. G. Wong distributed a memo from P. Halabuza to M. Smith regarding potential nominees. M. Smith recommended that the presentation of the Accessibility Awards take place during a Council Meeting, relocated to the Cultural Complex. Councillor B. Melville recommended that a letter be forwarded to Council requesting a change in venue for a future Council Meeting. G. Wong will send the letter.

503-7 Update on Taxi Service Correspondence

Councillor B. Melville facilitated discussion regarding the taxi service correspondence. The Committee recommended that the letter be forwarded to the B.C. Transit Committee through C. Rossi and A. Sulyma. G. Wong recommended that an inquiry be made to Mrs. Hodges first to ask for her permission regarding the circulation of her letter. The Committee asked that the issues of taxi safety and attitudes of the drivers and dispatchers be forwarded to the B.C. Transit Committee.

503-8 Update on Convention Centre and Disabled Parking

G. Wong reported that she inquired with K. Wright of Permits and Licences. He responded that the Convention Centre requested more parking spaces initially. When the spaces were reduced, the disabled parking stalls were reduced. The Committee asked if K. Wright could provide information as to the number of proposed disabled parking stalls. G. Wong will look into the parking matter. G. Wong also reported that the disabled parking enforcement program is now in the hands of the Planning Department who is currently understaffed. They hope to accomplish this issue by the spring.

503-9 Update on Ben Ostrander Presentation

M. Smith reported that B. Ostrander will be presenting in early June on accessible residential housing.

503-10 Update on C. Paterson

G. Wong reported that a letter was sent to the Evergreen Cultural Centre Society regarding the request to hang a painting in the Cultural Centre in memory of C. Paterson. The Society will be discussing the letter at their March 11th meeting.

503-11 Update of Play for All Committee

L. Hauser reported that the Committee is progressing further in the retrofitting of Blue Mountain Park. They now have a draft copy of the handbook that will provide information about access guidelines for parks and playgrounds. The handbook is to be ready for distribution by the end of May. In regards to the fund raising component, a composite drawing of the playground is to be completed first before the fund raising plan is to be drawn up.

503-12 Update on Curb Cut Program

G. Wong reported that according to C. Mohoruk of the Traffic Department, funding for the curb cut program was deleted this year. Councillor B. Melville reported that it may be possible to fund a curb cut through the local improvement program initiated by residents. He also added that the ditch elimination program has finished so there would be no option for funding in this area for curb cuts. Councillor B. Melville will follow up with the elimination of the curb cut program along with the local improvement program.

503-13 - Update on No Fault Insurance Program

G. Wong reported that the Coalition Against No Fault Insurance placed an ad in the Vancouver Sun regarding their position. They also included a listing of their supporters which included our Committee.

503-14 Update on Parks Masterplan

L. Hauser reported that she has already attended two meetings regarding the Parks Masterplan. Councillors L. Hollington and D. Thorne sit on the Committee along with nine citizens. She was asked by the Consultant to respond to the following questions: What deficiencies exist in the current park system? Aside from an accessible playground and park trail, the Committee also recommended other accessible amenities such as the washroom, parking, integrated seating in the sports stand, and picnic tables. L. Hauser also reported that the time frame for the Parks Masterplan is for the end of October 1997 and that she will request a future meeting with the Consultant and this Committee.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-15 Guest: Elizabeth Voigt, Chamber of Commerce

G. Wong reported that E. Voigt expressed her regret for not being able to attend the meeting due to not feeling well. Since her schedule has been very hectic, she asked that a representative from the Committee meet with her during the day. G. Wong volunteered to meet with her on behalf of the Committee.

503-16 Information Sharing

M. Smith reported that she received a telephone call from Christine Flood who is with the City of Kelowna and who is interested in setting up a Committee for People with Disabilities. Kamloops and Tumbler Ridge have also inquired in the past.

503-17 Sports Centre Arena

G. Wong reported that the issue of access to the Main Arena as well as access between the two arenas is becoming a growing concern. The guidelines that were set up before are no longer practical. What are required is the following: ramp access between the two arenas and a stair lift for access to the Main Arena. However, cost is obviously a barrier. The Committee recommended that a cost out be completed before solutions are discussed. G. Wong will follow up with a cost out.



503-18 Planet Ice

G. Wong reported that Dave McBride who was the Manager of Planet Ice has left the position to work at another facility in Richmond. The position at Planet Ice has just been posted. Since there are still a list of outstanding access issues, the Committee recommended that the new Manager be invited to a future Committee meeting.

ITEM III - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier St.

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CHAIR

G. Wong  
Secretary



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Mayor L. Sekora

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson  
C. Johnston  
M. Smith  
C. Riedyk  
C. Talbot  
L. Hauser  
G. Wong



Committee Members Absent: D. McInnes

Guests: Elizabeth Shear, Douglas College Therapeutic  
Recreation Student  
Gary Morgan, Student Services, School District 43  
Randall Sharp, Sharp and Diamond Landscape

**ITEM I - MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 1997**

Minutes of Meeting held on May 6, 1997, were adopted as circulated.

**ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

No report with City Hall or Pinetree Community Centre.

Regarding Place Des Arts, G. Wong will ask P. Halabuzza of Permits and Licences to contact M. Smith regarding the remaining outstanding items.

Regarding the Evergreen Cultural Centre and the Justice Building, G. Wong reported that changes to the shower area require written approval from Victoria according to K. Wright of Permits and Licences. M. Smith asked that K. Wright give her a call to discuss the matter.

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503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

G. Wong reported that the Society for Community Development is interested in supporting the creation of an Accessibility Directory. They are already in the midst of compiling a Community Directory and are able to provide their charitable number for any grant application that we complete. They will also be applying for the Federal Summer Career Placement Grant and will include our request for two researchers. G. Wong also completed the Hamber Foundation Grant Application and L. Hauser will be completing the Real Estate Foundation Grant Application.

503-3 Update on Accessibility Bus Stops and Curb Cut Program

C. Riedyk reported that B.C. Transit has approved the placement of accessible bus routes in the Accessibility Directory. They also recommend that the customer service number be included in the event that the public has inquiries. She also reported that Tom Yang who is responsible for accessible bus routes is available to attend a future Committee meeting. The Committee recommended that he be invited to the May meeting. G. Wong will extend an invitation to T. Yang.

503-4 Update on Accessible Awards

G. Wong reported that she spoke with D. Acaster of the Evergreen Cultural Centre and he suggested a July date for the Council Meeting. M. Smith and C. Talbot agreed with the date for the presentation of the Accessibility Awards. Councillor B. Melville recommended that a letter of intent be brought to the attention of Council via W. Jones of the Clerk's Office. G. Wong will write the letter.

503-5 Update on Taxi Service Correspondence

G. Wong reported that M. Hodges who originally wrote the letter regarding Handydart and taxi service has written again and is interested in sitting on the Vancouver Regional Custom Transit Advisory Committee. G. Wong inquired with the two recently appointed representatives from Chimo Achievement Centre who plan to raise the issue along with her letter to the Committee.

503-6 Update on C. Paterson

G. Wong reported that the Evergreen Cultural Centre Society has approved the request from the Committee to hang up a painting in the building in memory of C. Paterson. The following conditions were stated and will be outlined through a letter: The Society would like to first view the painting. They also may at any time move the painting if the occasion arises. M. Smith will secure the painting for viewing.

503-7 Update on Play for All Committee

L. Hauser reported that the Play for All Committee is developing a fund raising plan. Two service clubs have expressed an interest in providing funding.

503-8 Update on Parks Masterplan

L. Hauser reported that the Consultant is planning the following community consultation meetings: April 29th, April 30th and May 1st. Locations can be confirmed with the Leisure and Parks Main Office at 933-6000.

503-9 Update on Sports Centre Arena

G. Wong reported that a cost out was completed with the arena. The stair lift to the Main Arena will cost approximately \$19,000. The ramp that will connect the Main Arena with the Annex Arena will cost approximately \$13,000. This is a capital item request that will be put in the 1998 budget. The Committee recommended that a letter be written to Leisure and Parks to emphasize the importance of such an access item. G. Wong will write the letter.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-10 Guest: Gary Morgan, Student Services, School District 43

The Committee welcomed G. Morgan who is the Coordinator of Student Services for School District 43. Discussion centered around the budget, how students with disabilities are categorized and funded, and services available. School District 43 is the fastest growing in B.C. The largest change is that one in three students now receive Student Services. All new schools must now be accessible. G. Morgan suggested how the Committee could help School District 43:

1. That a student representative(s) periodically attend the Committee meetings to share their experiences.
2. That the Committee continue with ongoing awareness of all people with disabilities who live in the community.

503-11 Guest: Randall Sharp, Sharp and Diamond Landscape

The Committee welcomed Randall Sharp who is the designer of the Town Centre Water Spray Park (Phase I). R. Sharp presented the design plans. Highlights included the following:

- spray park is located between the Stadium and Lafarge Lake
- it is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels and to provide spontaneous play
- City wishes to pursue a public/private partnership
- surface is asphalt
- anticipated opening date is August 1997
- suggestions from Committee:
  - create main path through water spray park - colour contrast, less than 1/4 gradient with 10% gradient away from main path
  - easy to access water fountain with paved access
  - accessible picnic table at different locations with paved access
  - cut out part of play table with 30 inches height as the maximum
  - parking and washroom located close by
  - lever handles
- Phase II is the accessible playground

G. Wong will check the location of the disabled parking stalls at the Stadium Parking Lot.

**ITEM III - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier St.

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CHAIR

G. Wong  
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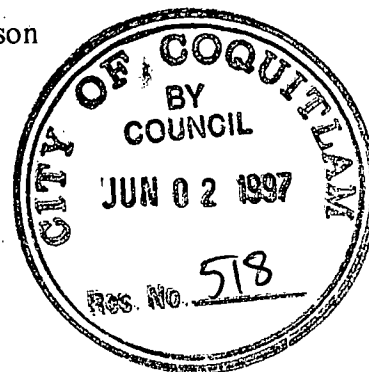


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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson  
C. Johnston  
M. Smith  
C. Riedyk  
C. Talbot  
L. Hauser  
G. Wong



Committee Members Absent: D. McInnes

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

G. Wong will contact B. Low of School District No. 43 regarding an update and tour of Pinetree Community Centre.

M. Smith has been in contact with P. Halabuza of Permits and Licences regarding Place des Arts.

M. Smith requested that G. Wong ask K. Wright of Permits and Licences to contact her regarding the Justice Building and the Cultural Complex.

The Committee requested that they receive an update on the City Hall plans. G. Wong will contact K. Wright of Permits and Licences.

503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

G. Wong reported that they have not heard from either the Hamber Foundation or the Real Estate Foundation.

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503-3 Update on Accessibility Bus Stops and Curb Cut Program

G. Wong distributed information from N. Nyberg of Engineering regarding outstanding requests of the City's Curb Cut Program. Though the program will not be considered in this year's budget, the Committee recommended that a letter be forwarded to the City Manager requesting that some curb cuts be approved in 1997. G. Wong will write the letter to N. Cook. The Committee also recommended that a letter be sent to the editors of the local papers emphasizing the importance of curb cuts. C. Riedyk will write the letter to the local papers.

503-4 Update on Meeting Topics

G. Wong reported that she is attempting to schedule BC Transit as a guest for the June meeting. Councillor B. Melville recommended that Councillor J. Stangier be invited if BC Transit is confirmed. G. Wong will contact Councillor J. Stangier.

503-5 Update on Accessibility Awards

G. Wong reported that a memo has been written to W. Jones of the Clerk's Office regarding the relocation of the July 7th Council Meeting to the Evergreen Cultural Centre. She also reported that the Chamber of Commerce will generously sponsor the award plaques, and two nomination forms have been submitted. M. Smith and C. Talbot will be meeting to discuss other nominations.

503-6 Update on Taxi Service Correspondence

G. Wong reported that there is no update.

503-7 Update on C. Paterson

G. Wong reported that the Society would like to view the painting beforehand. M. Smith will follow up with the artist. The Committee recommended that the painting be unveiled at the July 7th Council Meeting at the Evergreen Cultural Centre.



503-8 Update on Play for All Committee

L. Hauser reported that the Play for All Committee has drafted a letter, requesting donations for play equipment and other accessible amenities that will be sent to the service clubs.

503-9 Update on Parks Masterplan

L. Hauser reported that three community meetings were held with the consultant regarding the Parks Masterplan.

503-10 Update on Volunteer Recognition Event

G. Wong reminded Committee members that the City's Volunteer Recognition Event will be taking place on Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cultural Centre.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-11 Update on Proposed No-Fault Insurance

G. Wong reported that the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities has sent an update on the proposed legislation on no-fault insurance. They are requesting that citizens express their concerns to Premier Clark. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent stating that we stand by our original support followed with our first letter. M. Smith will sign the letter on behalf of the Committee.

**ITEM III - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier St.

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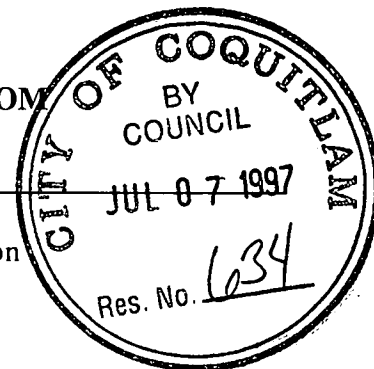
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**Committee Members Present:**

- Councillor B. Melville, Chairperson
- C. Johnston
- M. Smith
- C. Riedyk
- C. Talbot
- L. Hauser
- G. Wong
- D. McInnes

**Guests:**

- Tom Yang, Ryan Harding, Terry McNare
- B.C. Transit
  
- Doug Gifford, Jocelyn Honeyman
- Grant and Sinclair Architects
  
- Mark Rogers, Dominion Construction

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

G. Wong reported that the new Manager of Pinetree Community Centre will be conducting a tour for the Committee. Interviews are currently underway for the position. The position should be filled by the end of June. G. Wong will contact members for a summer tour.

M. Smith reported that she has been in contact with K. Wright of Permits and Licenses. The vertical bars are fine to leave in place at the Cultural Centre Complex and the Public Safety Building. The restaurant should be in place in the fall at the Cultural Centre Complex. M. Smith will liaise with K. Wright about the restaurant.

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503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

G. Wong reported that she will be recontacting the Hamber Foundation and that the Real Estate Foundation is in the midst of voting on grant applications. The Committee recommended that if neither organizations come through with any money, that we attempt to hire students solely through the Federal grant.

503-3 Update on Accessibility Awards

G. Wong reported that Council has approved the relocation of the July 7 Council meeting to the Cultural Centre Complex for the presentation of the Accessibility Awards. School District 43 has returned one nomination for Scott Creek Middle School, and two nomination forms have been sent to Douglas College and the Cultural Centre Complex. M. Smith and C. Talbot will meet shortly to discuss the nominations.

503-4 Update on C. Paterson

Councillor B. Melville reported that he received a letter from Don Acaster of the Cultural Centre Complex regarding the Committee's request to hang a watercolour painting in memory of C. Paterson. The response was favourable. M. Smith reported that she and D. Acaster will be meeting with the artist to view the painting on Saturday, June 7 at 5 p.m. at the artist's home. D. Acaster will then show the painting to the Board of Directors of the Cultural Centre Complex.

503-5 Update of Play for All Committee

L. Hauser reported that the Play for All Committee has applied to a number of service clubs and are now waiting for a positive reply.

503-6 Update on Parks Masterplan

L. Hauser reported that 3,000 surveys were sent out where 300 replies are needed. The results of the survey should be available at the July Parks Masterplan meeting.

503-7 Update on Outstanding Access Items

G. Wong reviewed with the Committee the list of all outstanding access items and received updates on a number of the items.

**ITEM II - OTHER BUSINESS**

503-8 Guests: T. Yang, R. Harding, and T. McNare - B.C. Transit

Councillor B. Melville welcomed the representatives from B.C. Transit. T. Yang spoke about changes as well as a long term plan. Handydart now has a 17 million dollar budget that is constantly challenged by changes in the community. The service is generally contracted out to volunteer/not for profit organizations. Regarding the lift equipped buses, 44% of the fleets are accessible and 25% of the routes have accessible status. There are also two advisory committees that help identify and define priorities. The cost recovery for Handydart is very low. T. Yang then outlined the long term plan:

1. Eligibility for service will be tightened based upon who really needs the service.
2. In the past, medical, recreation, and work/school were the needs. Two new areas are the senior centres and workshops.
3. Trips are prioritized according to the following:
  - a. Medical
  - b. Post secondary education
  - c. Work

R. Harding spoke about service changes in Coquitlam with transit in the fall. Town Centre will have more direct local services. United Boulevard will have local services. S.F.U. will have a Coquitlam station. Westcoast Express will enter into Port Coquitlam. Not all of the above routes will be accessible.

C. Johnston recommended that Dogwood Pavilion receive the above information and/or possible workshop. The Committee also recommended that the SPARC figures in Coquitlam be forwarded to T. Yang. G. Wong will send the address and contact name of Dogwood Pavilion and SPARC figures to T. Yang.

503-9 Guests: D. Gifford and J. Honeyman - Grant and Sinclair Architects  
M. Rogers - Dominion Construction

Councillor B. Melville welcomed the presenters of the City Hall design plans. D. Gifford highlighted the accessible features. City Hall will have a two-level plaza accessed by the elevator and three main entrances accessed by automatic doors. The drop off and underground parking are covered. Within City Hall throughout the three floors are the following:

1. Accessible washrooms - many washrooms that are well distributed - unisex, public and staff.
2. Accessible staff change room/showers.
3. Service counters/public information counter will have accessible portions.
4. Lever handles on the doors.

The Council Chambers will have a 5 foot wide ramp that follows the contour of the room to the lower level. There will be five wheelchair spots located at the lower and upper level. **The Committee recommended that there also be other choices for location.**

**The Committee also recommended that the baby room and the unisex washroom not be located together, and that the unisex washroom have the option of both left and right transfer.**

**Other recommendations included: tactile warning strips, eliminate thresholds, light door pressure.**

Completion of building is spring of 1998.

### ITEM III - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

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CHAIR

G. Wong  
Secretary



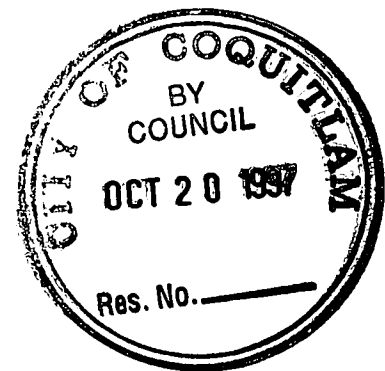
Mayor L. Sekora

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

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Committee Members Present: M. Smith  
C. Riedyk  
L. Hauser

Committee Members Absent: Councillor B. Melville  
C. Talbot  
C. Johnston

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**503-1 Update on Civic Projects

L. Hauser reported that her and G. Wong went on a tour of the Pinetree Community Centre on August 7, 1997. A preliminary list of concerns regarding the washrooms was forwarded to the Manager of the facility. The Committee will have a tour of the facility some time in October.

503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

L. Hauser reported that the student has now completed his research. A copy of the information was given to M. Smith to proof. M. Smith and C. Riedyk are to meet and recommend any changes or additions to the manual.

503-3 Update on Accessibility Awards

M. Smith reported that the awards were presented this year on July 7, 1997 at the Evergreen Cultural Centre prior to the Council Meeting. This year the number of awards given was high because it was very hard to decide a clear winner, as all submissions were good. Perdrag Bulovic presented a painting to the City, at the request of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, which is to hang in the Evergreen Cultural Centre in memory of Catherine Patterson, a Committee member who passed away earlier this year.

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503-4 Update of Play for All Committee

L. Hauser reported that the Play for All Committee has completed the handbook they were developing. The handbook "PLAY FOR ALL HANDBOOK - Creating play spaces for all children" is now ready to be printed. The Committee asked that the Mayor's Committee arrange for the printing of the handbook.

Moved by M. Smith, Seconded by C. Riedyk, that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities arrange for the printing of 200 copies of the PLAY FOR ALL HANDBOOK.

L. Hauser also reported that the Committee is now moving forward with the creation of an accessible play space at Blue Mountain Park. The project has been blocked into three sections:

- 1) Addition of accessible play pieces to those already in playground.
- 2) Improvement of signage, improvements in the washrooms, addition of an accessible picnic table.
- 3) Paving improvements to pathways.

Committee members are now approaching funding sources to make the project a reality. Committee members are also meeting with the park planner to finalize a process that is acceptable to the City to realize their dream of an accessible play space.

503-5 Update on Parks Master Plan

L. Hauser reported that the Master Plan process is continuing.

503-6 Update on Outstanding Access Items

C. Riedyk to check out bench at Christmas Manor.

Terms of Reference - C. Riedyk and M. Smith are working on it.

Disabled Parking Enforcement - L. Hauser to check with Catherine Mohoruk and have her call M. Smith.

503-7 Update on Access at Arena

Committee drafted a letter of support for the Leisure and Parks Services Department to assist them in the purchase of a garavanta lift for the arena.

503-8 Update on No Fault Insurance

M. Smith reported that no fault insurance is not going anywhere. The Committee's endorsement of the public stand against no fault resulted in the Premier terminating the plan for no fault insurance. Government is now focusing on safety issues.

**ITEM II - NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) A wheelchair tennis tournament was held at People's Court this summer. Committee was pleased to see the facility being used and the value of the ramp outside the facility being realized.
- 2) A citizen approached the Committee and would like help in finding accessible housing. The Committee reviewed the request and it is not within our mandate so we will refer her to appropriate sources. This, however, does point out the need for the development of accessible housing options for people with disabilities who are also on a limited income.
- 3) C. Riedyk informed the Committee that Burnaby has done curb cuts all along North Road from Clarke to White Spot, on their side of the street. Coquitlam does not have corresponding curb cuts, so crossing the street is not always possible.
- 4) New members - the Committee has two spots open. If current members know anyone interested in participating on the Committee they should have them send information to the Mayor. If current members wish to withdraw from the Committee they must send a letter of resignation to the Mayor. Committee appointments will be made in December.

Committee would like to see a balance within the Committee of interests represented. M. Smith will contact the Mayor to discuss this with him.



- 5) Committee received a letter from Rick Hansen thanking the community for their support for his 10 year anniversary tour.
- 6) Committee has concerns about the community gardens at Colony Farm and their accessibility. C. Riedyk will attend the Colony Farm Open House on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at Riverside Secondary School. She will report back to the Committee. We will request someone from the Community Gardens to come to our meeting in November.
- 7) M. Smith requested that Committee members who can find no other way to the meetings (that is, if accessible transit is not available, or Handi Dart) that they be reimbursed for cab fare. L. Hauser to investigate and report back in November.
- 8) Committee is appreciative that the City sees the value of the Leisure Access Coordinator and has appointed an acting Leisure Access Coordinator while they advertise for a replacement.

### **ITEM III - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

### **ITEM IV - ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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CHAIR

L. Hauser  
Secretary



Mayor L. Sekora

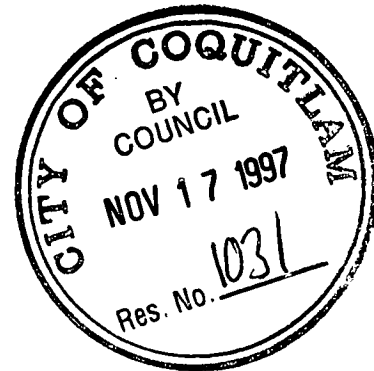
**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

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Committee Members Present: M. Smith  
L. Hauser  
C. Talbot  
J. Bonitare  
Councillor B. Melville

Regrets: C. Riedyk

Committee Members Absent: C. Johnston



**MINUTES OF MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 1997**

Minutes of Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities held October 2, 1997 were amended by changing 503-8 to read: The Committee's endorsement of the public stand against no fault assisted in persuading the Premier to terminate the plan for no fault insurance.

The Minutes of Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities held October 2, 1997 were approved as amended.

**ITEM I - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

503-1 Update on Civic Projects

Committee toured Pinetree Community Centre on October 20. Notes circulated to Committee members from that tour to be proofed. Any additions please forward to L. Hauser, who will then forward concerns to the Facility Manager.

The Committee will draft a letter to send to the elevator manufacturer asking if they have a more accessible panel than the one presently at Pinetree.

Colleen Talbot to research distributors of 18" toilets, which are required by the code, but getting harder to locate.

503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

Student has completed his research, draft for proofing circulated to all Committee members.

Committee members to return their copy of the document with charges requested by November 20. Document to be forwarded to L. Hauser.

503-3 Update on Play for All Committee

The Manual - has been printed. Committee will meet to arrange distribution and marketing.

Thank you to Mayor's Committee for printing the manual.

The Playground - The Committee is pursuing quotes for the playground which are necessary for grant applications.

Discussion ensued regarding sources of funds for the playground.

Committee will investigate the possibility of a legacy fund from the Special Olympics. If there is a legacy fund would they consider projects in Coquitlam. L. Hauser to write a letter to BC Special Olympics with carbon copy to Coquitlam Special Olympics.

503-4 Update on Colony Farm

Committee will invite GVRD Representative to next meeting.

503-5 Update on Christmas Manor Bench

C. Riedyk was absent. Councillor Melville will check out bench at Christmas Manor.

503-6 Update on Disabled Parking in the Town Centre

M. Smith called the information line but is still concerned our issues are not being address.

Many persons with disabilities have difficulties with ticket spitters, which include:

- can't reach
- can't push or pull
- can't get money into machine

Committee had discussed with Tim Murphy a decal that would be mounted on windshield to solve the problem of access to the ticket spitter.

This is a system in use in Vancouver.

Councillor B. Melville will bring these issues forward for consideration when he meets regarding parking in the Town Centre.

503-7 Update on Committee Member Reimbursement for Expenses

The Committee will look at expenses incurred by members on an individual basis.

**ITEM II - NEW BUSINESS**

504-1 Guests - GVRD/Community Gardens

Committee invited guests from GVRD/Community Gardens - unable to attend.

504-2 Bus Access in Town Centre

General Committee discussion.

Councillor Melville to investigate the lack of continuous sidewalk along Pinetree from CCAC to Douglas College campus. Empty lot facing Pinetree between these two facilities has no sidewalk.

504.3 Letter ICBC - Road Safety

Letter received from ICBC - Road Safety - requesting money to support their efforts. Although, the Committee is supportive of this project, it is in no position to give financial aid. L: Hauser will send a letter to ICBC informing them of the Committee's position.

504.4 Committee Membership

M. Smith met with Mayor Sekora. The Mayor is open to receiving Committee recommendations regarding the skills necessary for appointees to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, prior to his making appointments.

Councillor Melville will speak with the Mayor to see if there currently is a list of people who would like to be on the Committee.

Councillor Melville will also investigate running an ad in the local paper to solicit individuals for the Mayor's Committee For People with Disabilities. This is something the Library Board has done.

**ITEM III - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

**ITEM IV - ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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CHAIR

L. Hauser  
Secretary



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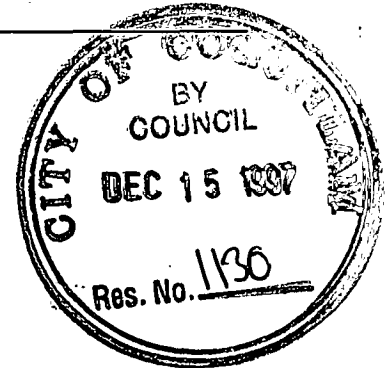
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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.  
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575 POIRIER STREET, COQUITLAM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B. Melville, Chair  
M. Smith  
L. Hauser  
C. Talbot  
C. Riedyk

Committee Members Absent: J. Boniface

Guests: Corinne Ambor - GVRD Parks Community  
Development Coordinator  
Karen Beckenbach - Colony Farm Advisory Committee



**ITEM I - MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 1997**

**ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved with correction - move guests to first item on the Agenda.

**ITEM III - PRESENTATION BY GUESTS**

Corinne and Karen outlined the pilot program at Colony Farm, giving a history of the site since it was designated a GVRD Park. The Committee was particularly interested in the community gardens, which Karen elaborated on.

Farm Folk/City Folk received a grant from Van City to create a community garden at Colony Farm. Space is to be included for wheelchair accessible farming. They researched other wheelchair accessible gardens in the Lower Mainland and talked to other gardeners before planning the gardens at Colony Farm.

Currently, road mulch is being placed on the trail into the gardens, from the parking lot, to create accessible access. The tool shed is also having a ramp installed. The grade on the ramp is currently planned for 1 in 12; Committee has asked them to consider 1 in 15. Accessible gardening spaces will be raised beds and the number of raised beds will depend on the demand. Currently three acres will be developed for Spring 1998, with the expectations that the community gardens will grow to seven acres when completed.

GVRD is looking at making the Dyke accessible by Spring 1998.

Parking lot is currently paved, though lines are not clear. Committee has requested that at least two spaces in the parking lot be properly painted and marked for access. GVRD will look into having this done.

#### ITEM IV - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

##### 503-1 Update on Civic Projects

Merle Smith will forward her comments on the Pinetree tour to L. Hauser, so she can draft the letter to the Facility Manager.

##### 503-2 Update on Accessibility Directory

Draft to be ready in the next week; copies will be forwarded to Committee members for comment.

##### 503-3 Update on Colony Farm

Committee member Corinne Riedyk has been appointed to the Colony Farm Advisory Committee.

##### 503-4 Update on Christmas Manor Bench

Councillor Melville drove by the site and confirmed that there are benches at the bus stops on both sides of Guilby, near Christmas Manor.

##### 503-5 Report on Toilet Manufacturers

Item deferred to January meeting.

503-6 Parking in the Town Centre

Councillor Melville spoke to Norm Cook regarding the Committee's concerns. Impark feels that the ticket spitters are accessible. The Committee will wait to see what is installed in the parking lots and then make recommendations, if necessary. Disabled residents of Coquitlam can buy a parking pass for \$15.00 which is good for a year.

503-7 Access along Pinetree Way Regarding Lack of Sidewalk Between CCAC and Douglas College

Councillor Melville reported that a temporary/permanent black top strip will be placed along the site (empty lot) to provide an accessible walkway from CCAC to Douglas College, along Pinetree Way.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

503-8 Curb Cuts

Councillor Melville was happy to report that there is money in the 1998 budget for curb cuts.

503-9 Invitation to BC Coalition for the Disabled Open House

Invitations to this event given to Committee members present.

503-10 New Members

Mayor Lou Sekora appointed three new members to our Committee. They are Elizabeth Ling, Sharon Lawrence and Kathie Taylor. Information on these new members was provided to current members. Their appointments are effective from January to December 1998.



**ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library on Poirier Street.

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CHAIR

L. Hauser  
Secretary

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
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Thursday, January 8, 1998

Thursday, February 5, 1998

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Thursday, April 2, 1998

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Thursday, June 4, 1998