



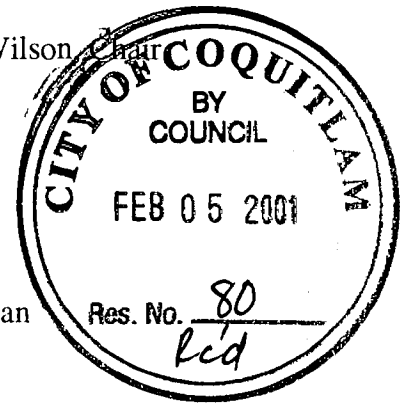
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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2001

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:00pm in the Dogwood Room, Dogwood Pavilion, 624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Maxine Wilson *Chair*
Corinne Riedyk
Bruce Holitzki
Tony Mursic
Merle Smith
Mike Jacobsen
Alison Whitmore
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman



Committee Members Absent:

Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Lynn Jensen

Staff Present:

David Leavers, Manager Leisure Services
West Division
Eric Bowes, Project Coordinator Parks
Jim LaCroix, Recreation Program Coordinator
Diane Lego, Recreation Program Coordinator

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held November 2, 2000 with the following changes:

- > Under 518-5: Building Code Sub-Committee, the sentence should read: "The committee led by Merle Smith is still advocating to raise the height of accessible toilet seats."

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- Page 2 - Future Presenters, the second sentence should end with “to discuss services for people with disabilities. The committee would like to know who, on the Health Board, represents people with disabilities.”

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Introduction of Committee Members

Committee members introduced themselves and spoke about their interests in being on the committee.

518-2 Presentation: Accessible Playground at Blue Mountain Park

Mr. E. Bowes, Project Coordinator – Parks, was present at the Meeting to give an overview of a proposed layout of Blue Mountain Park.

Mr. Bowes advised that the Accessible Playground Equipment Structure, which includes a ramp, climbing wall and slide will be installed sometime in March.

He further advised that the existing playground surfacing has been checked and is accessible.

Committee Members were given an opportunity to ask questions with regards to the proposed layout and Accessible Playground Equipment Structure.

Concern was expressed regarding adequate maintenance of the washroom facilities in the park. Staff was asked to follow up with facility maintenance staff. It was suggested that the wading pool staff could be involved in helping keep the washrooms tidy and well equipped.

518-3 Committee Overview

Committee Members received an overview of the Committee's previous work and sub-committees that have been formed.

Discussion ensued relative to the following issues:

- Committee should look more at issues involving individuals with "invisible" disabilities
- City hiring practices for people with disabilities
- Coronation Park Learning Centre
- Identification of community issues regarding disabilities
- Brainstorming session with Coalition
- Are there any major groups in the Community that the Committee is missing?
- Establishing liaisons with other groups

518-4 Sub-Committees

The Committee agreed on the following Sub-Committee appointments:

Parks and Infrastructure

B. Holitzki
C. Riedyk
M. Jacobsen
T. Mursic

Accessibility Awards

M. Smith
C. Riedyk
C. Kirk-Foreman
M. Jacobsen
A. Whitmore
B. Holitzki

Liaison with Play for All and Spirit of Community Living

C. Kirk-Foreman

National Access Awareness Day

M. Jacobsen
C. Kirk-Foreman

Building Code

M. Smith
M. Jacobsen
B. Holitzki

GVTA

C. Riedyk

518-5 Future Presenters/Plans

The Committee agreed that the following persons/organizations should be invited to make presentations at future Meetings:

- Sam Sullivan
- Learning Disabilities Association of Coquitlam (Cathie Camley is the Executive Director).
- Simon Fraser Health Board. T. Mursic agreed to look into who to contact to set up a meeting.
- Mental Health Organization. C. Kirk-Foreman agreed to arrange to have someone speak at a future meeting.
- BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

Discussion ensued relative to Access Passes and the possibility of clients with permanent disabilities who live in neighbouring communities and who use Coquitlam facilities, obtaining a leisure access card. The Committee agreed that this should be an item for discussion at a future Meeting.

ITEM IV – TABLED ITEMS

Nil

ITEM V – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2001.

ITEM VI – ADJOURNMENT

The chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Diane Lego

D. Lego
Recreation Program Coordinator and
Secretary to the Committee

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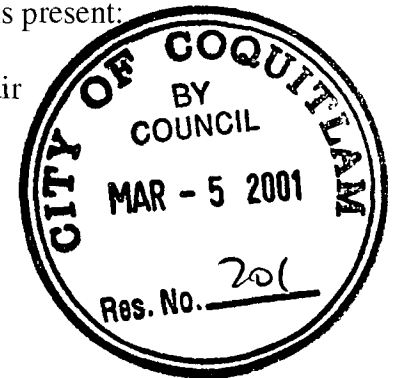
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2001

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, February 1, 2001 at 7:00pm in the McGee Room in the Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Alison Whitmore
Corinne Riedyk
Merle Smith
Bruce Holitzki

Committee Members Absent: Keith Oldham
Sharon Oldham
Lynn Jensen
Tony Mursic
Mike Jacobsen

Staff Present: Diane Lego, Recreation Program Coordinator



ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held January 16, 2001 with the following changes:

Under 518-3: Brainstorming session with member Associations of Family Resource Centre

Under 518-4: Sub-Committees - GVTA - B. Holitzki, alternate

Under 518-5: delete paragraph regarding Discussion ensued..
Replace with; Discussion ensued relative to Access Passes.

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ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

518-1 Presentation - Representatives of the Learning Disabilities
Association of Tri-Cities

Five representatives of the Learning Disabilities Association presented information about their organization and some of their concerns. Representatives spoke about issues concerning people with learning disabilities, those with autism, and those suffering from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The main themes repeated by all the speakers were;

1. Increase community awareness
2. Accessibility to programs and facilities.
3. Employment opportunities
4. Training of staff

More detailed report is attached hereto and forms part of these minutes.

518-2 Goals for 2001

The Committee was unable to discuss Goals for 2001, as time did not permit.

518-3 Future Presenters

Bonnie Friesen – City of Vancouver Adapted Aquatics Specialist
Sam Sullivan
Speaker from Simon Fraser Health Region
Speaker on Mental Health issues
Traffic Engineer – Julian Rosenthal from the Pinetree Corridor Project

518-4 Access Passes

As time did not permit, the Committee was unable to discuss Access Passes.

518-5 Future Meeting dates

Future meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday in each month, unless otherwise stated on the schedule.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

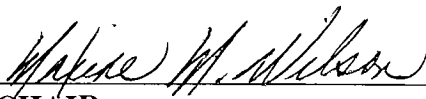
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ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2001.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.



CHAIR



D. Lego
Recreation Program Coordinator and
Secretary to the Committee

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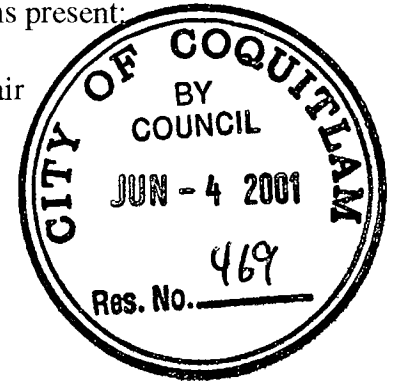


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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001

A Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the McGee Room in the Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Sharon Oldham
Keith Oldham
Alison Whitmore
Merle Smith
Corinne Riedyk



Committee Members Absent: Lynn Jensen
Tony Mursic
Bruce Holitzki
Mike Jacobsen

Staff Present: Diane Lego, Recreation Program Coordinator

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the March Committee meeting were not voted on, as there was not a quorum for that Meeting.

Changes to the minutes of the April Meeting are as follows:

Committee members absent: Alison Whitmore

T4 - amended to read: A recommendation was to be brought forward and voted on to the next Committee meeting suggesting that a letter be forwarded to the Leisure and Parks Committee regarding Leisure Access Cards for clients who qualify financially, but who are not residents of the City of Coquitlam

Motion to accept the minutes - passed and all in favour

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

518-1 – Definition of Disability

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of Disability. The Committee will continue to look at definitions from various organizations, such as: Ministry and School District 43.

Ms. Smith suggested that a sub-committee be struck to come up with a definition for the Committee. Councillor Wilson prefers to have the committee as a whole come up with the definition.

518-2 – Vision Statement/Mandate of Committee

Discussion ensued around the working of a Vision Statement for the Committee.

Ms. Whitmore suggested that the statement from the present Mandate be reworded to focus on people not City.

Some other suggestions included focusing on increasing function of people with disabilities, carrying forward definitions from W.H.O. and Americans with a Disability Act.

518-3 – Public Transportation – Bus routing /ridership

Ms. Riedyk reported on some of the cuts that are taking place in the Coquitlam area and the impact on transit users. A suggestion was made to make a recommendation from the Mayor's Committee to the Transit and Transportation Committee to Council, which Ms. Riedyk will write. The motion to move came from Ms. Kirk-Foreman and was seconded by Ms. Whitmore.

Cc:to Northeast Sector Transit Plan

There are concerns regarding routing and ridership and the effects on people with disabilities.

518-4 – Discuss issues surrounding accessibility for new schools that are being built in the Community

Moved by Ms. Kirk-Foreman that this item be tabled. Motion passed

ITEM IV – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Wilson put a request forth that all sub-committee reports be submitted in writing at all subsequent Committee meetings.

Accessibility Awards Sub-Committee

Mr. Holitzki made a suggestion regarding the Accessibility Awards and the role that the City of Coquitlam plays in submitting sites for evaluation. He suggested that the City could set an example to establish a new accessible site or building each year that would be submitted to the Accessibility Awards.

Discussion ensued around the purpose of the Accessibility Awards and the possibility of expanding the Awards to include different sites or business that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Ms. Smith reported that most buildings have been looked at, but some sites still need to be looked at. The awards will be presented in Council the 3rd Monday of June. The list of sites was very slim this year and not much information was received from outside sources. They still have the Community Gardens and Cemetery on Robinson to look at in terms of accessibility.

Ms. Smith will extend an invitation to Sam Sullivan to attend the awards presentations on Monday, June 18, 2001.

Parks and Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Nothing to report

Community Living Sub-Committee

Ms. Kirk-Foreman has asked on behalf of the Committee for the Community Walk, Run, Roll event that the fee be waived for the banner to be hung in Coquitlam for advertising of this event.

Ms. Lego will do a follow up on this request.

National Access Awareness Day

A booth will be set up on Sunday, June 10 for the Teddy Bear Picnic with a display on accessibility. Ms. Kirk-Foreman and Ms. Riedyk will look after the display with volunteers.

Building Code Sub-Committee

Nothing to report

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kirk-Foreman brought forth a recommendation that the issue of Leisure Access cards for residents of other municipalities, who are receiving Disability 2 assistance and accessing City of Coquitlam recreation facilities, be brought to the Leisure and Parks Committee for review.

Motion was moved by Keith and 2nd by Sharon.

All other Committee members in favour, opposed by Ms. Smith on the basis of residency.

Mr. Oldham spoke of the difficulty of obtaining Disability 2 status, which provides approximately \$800.00/month.

Ms. Smith spoke on the way that the City of Surrey provides Leisure Access cards to their residents. They do not honour non-residents in their leisure access program.

The issue was put forward about equitable treatment of all citizens regardless of age/residency, but based on income. All communities provide subsidy for those under 13 or over 65 based on income.

The Chair will look into the legal recommendation to Leisure and Parks on this issue.

Committee phone list changes to note:

Cyndy Kirk-Foreman – email address ck_foreman@hotmail.com

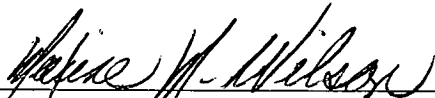
ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, June 7, 2001 in the McGee Room at Poirier Community Centre
from 7:00-9:00 P.M.

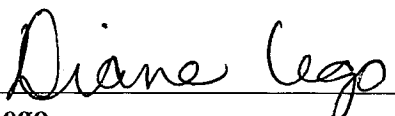
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ITEM VII – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.



CHAIR



D. Lego
Recreation Program Coordinator and
Secretary to the Committee

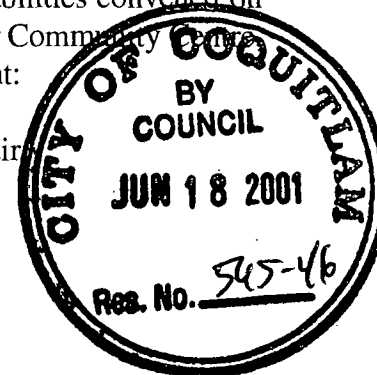


MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2001

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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities convened on Thursday, June 7, 2001 at 7:00 pm in the McGee Room in the Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee members present: Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
Cynthia Kirk-Forman
Sharon Oldham
Keith Oldham
Alison Whitmore
Merle Smith
Corinne Riedyk
Bruce Holitzki
Mike Jacobsen



Committee members absent: Lynn Jensen
Tony Mursic

Staff Present: Lorraine Hauser, Cemetery Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- MAY 3, 2001

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held May 3, 2001 with the following amendments:

Item V – Other business

To be included: Corinne Reidyk asked that staff find out and report back to the committee the following: What income level is the yardstick for eligibility for leisure access cards in the City of Coquitlam.

Item III – New Business 518-4

Heading should read: Bruce's request to discuss issues surrounding accessibility for new schools that are being build in the community.

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ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Items to be tabled at the next meeting as Minutes were distributed late to Committee members.

ITEM III – DAVE IRVING – PRESIDENT OAKDALE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Mr. Irving provided the committee with some background on himself and the Oakdale Heritage Society. He stated that the barriers the City has installed in his neighbourhood on a walkway between Chapman Avenue and Thompson Street present a problem for individuals in wheelchairs and scooters. Mr. Irving presented the committee with a handout which is attached herewith and forms part of these minutes.

Committee members will meet with Mr. Irving on site to better understand the problems to be coordinated with Ms. Kirk-Forman.

Mr. Irving also sought the committee's advice on improvements his school is looking for with regards to their playground. The current structure is old and in need of replacement and they would like to add an accessible play structure.

The Chair provided Mr. Irving with information on the procedure to follow with regard to liaising with the city. The Committee provided information on the Play For All Committee and the brochure they developed to assist groups planning an accessible play space, copies of which are available from the Recreation Program Coordinator for Leisure Access.

ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS

518 – 2 Definition of Disability

The Committee a definition of "disability" and developed the following:

Disability means, with respect to an individual:

An intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural or learning impairment which substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual;

A record of such an impairment;

Or being regarded as having such an impairment.

The Committee also discussed a definition of "inclusion" and developed the following:

Coquitlam has a value system which holds that all individuals are entitled to equitable access in all aspects of community life. The practice of inclusion transcends the idea of physical location and incorporates basic values that promote participation, friendship and interaction.

The Committee further discussed the Committee's mandate and benefit for Coquitlam residents.

Staff were asked to consolidate the notes and forward this information to a future Committee meeting.

518-5 Accessibility for New Schools being Build in the Community

The Committee discussed issues surrounding accessibility for new schools that are being build in our community including the placement of a wheelchair let-down mid-block near an elementary school. A staff report from Operations has been requested and will be forwarded to the Committee.

518-6 Meeting Space for September

Staff will locate meeting space for fall meetings in the vicinity of the Poirier Community Centre.

518-7 Great Canadian Superstore

The Committee discussed the accessibility of the Great Canadian Superstore following informal tours by members.

Staff stated that the ramp angle exceeds the BC Building Code standards and therefore is considered acceptable although there are items inside the store that appear not to meet code, including over height counters, inaccessible seating in the restaurant, wheelchair accessible washroom door opening the wrong way and no vertical signage which must be addressed.

The Committee voiced their general disappointment with Superstore as a brand new flagship store which should be fully accessible.

The Committee recommends:

COUNCIL

ACTION: That Council write a letter to the Board of Directors of Superstore reiterating the City's commitment to accessibility and relaying the disappointment of not only the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Coquitlam residents regarding the lack of accessibility.

ITEM V – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Infrastructure – Ms. Riedyk will send the required letter.

Access Awareness Day – Ms. Kirk-Forman reminded Committee members of the display at the Teddy Bear Picnic and asked for volunteers.

Accessibility Awards Subcommittee Report – submitted in writing and circulated to Committee members.

ITEM VI – OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Holitzki tendered his resignation from the Committee, he and his wife are moving to Vancouver Island.

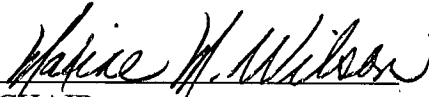
Suggestion made to have presenters go first then have meeting so that guests do not have to sit through the meeting.

The Committee requested that minutes be circulated two weeks prior to meeting.

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ITEM VIII - ADJOURNMENT

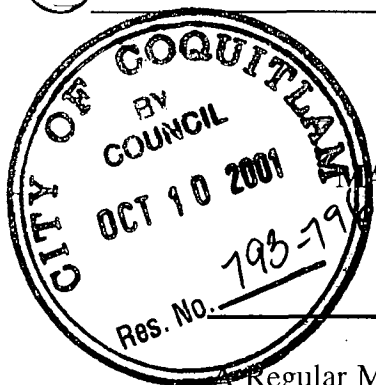
The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


CHAIR

Lorraine Hauser,
Secretary



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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001**

Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001 at 7:00pm in the Cards Room in the Dogwood Pavilion located at 624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee members present:

- Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
- Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
- Sharon Oldham
- Keith Oldham
- Corinne Riedyk
- Merle Smith
- Lynn Jensen

Committee members absent:

- Alison Whitmore (phoned in regrets)
- Mike Jacobsen
- Tony Mursic

Staff Present:

Diane Lego, Program Coordinator

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING JUNE 7, 2001

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held June 7, 2001 as amended.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was suggested by the Committee that a letter be written to Mr. Bruce Holitzki thanking him for his valued input and expertise on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. He is an extremely knowledgeable person and his relationship with the staff in our City Operations Department and with the other members of the Committee greatly assisted his involvement on the Committee.

Staff was directed and agreed to send out a letter of thanks to Mr. Holitzki and the Chair will request a letter of thanks from the Mayor.

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Ms. Smith reported that there was good response from the Access Awards 2001 and that awareness is increasing. Guidance is still required regarding interpretation of the code. The display for the 2001 Accessibility Awards will be at the Poirier Library in the month of September. Ms. Lego will coordinate putting up the display.

ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

518-1 – Meeting Dates

To be discussed later.

518-2 – Real Canadian Superstore

Discussion ensued regarding the response from W.J. Payne, Project Manager for The Real Canadian Superstore, pertaining to the letter forwarded from the City. It was noted that the washroom doors are still not very accessible in the handicapped washrooms as the doors open inward hitting the toilet.

Discussion ensued regarding addressing a letter to Subway management for improvements to the accessibility of their restaurant and a copy of the letter sent to Superstore Management and Licensing and Permits Department in the City of Coquitlam care of City staff. Point out in letter that “in violation of Provincial Building Code” the women’s washroom door does not allow access for someone in a wheelchair.

The Chair had a request from Amy Lochman to be added to the agenda for next month’s meeting. Ms. Lochman is an SFU student and had a near accident at The Real Canadian Superstore.

The Chair informed the Committee that during the summer she had put forth a resolution to council regarding an amendment that all 2-story commercial buildings be built with an elevator. The committee agreed that they would write a letter to Mayor and Council supporting this resolution.

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518-3 – Upcoming Events

Fun Run, Walk and Roll

Sunday, September 30 from 11:00-2:00pm being held at Rocky Point Park in Port Moody. The event is an accessible family community event and open to all.

Ms. Kirk-Foreman provided an overview of the event. She advised that raffle tickets are available and all proceeds will go to the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation.

Special Olympics Event

Ms. Riedyk spoke of an activity taking place on the weekend of September 8-9 that involves Special Olympics athletes.

KickstART

Ms. Smith spoke of an international event that took place August 16-19, 2001 in Vancouver at the Roundhouse Community Centre. The event was opened by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and was entitled KickstART – Celebration of Disability Arts and Culture. Some Committee members requested that information be passed on to them when activities like this take place during the summer months when the Committee is not sitting.

Miko and his World

The Recreation Programmer advised that Committee about an upcoming event on Saturday, September 15, 2001 called “Miko and His World”, that is taking place at Douglas College – New West. Campus. This is a fundraiser for the Deaf-Blind Community to raise funds to send some delegates to New Zealand for the 7th Annual Helen Keller World Conference taking place in October 2001.

518-4 – Correspondence

B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities

A letter was received from the B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities requesting support for their continued improvement in traffic safety measures and victims' protection. The Committee voted in favour of again supporting this campaign and Ms. Lego will send in the necessary paperwork and also send copies to our local MLAs.

Festival Coquitlam

A letter of thanks was received from Festival Coquitlam regarding the Teddy Bear Picnic thanking the Committee for their participation in the event. Ms. Kirk-Foreman requested that a copy of the letter be sent to Gayle Tabor who volunteered with her for the day. Staff will get her information and send off a letter on behalf of the Committee.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Pinetree Corridor Project

Discussion ensued regarding the progress of the Pinetree Corridor Improvement Project.

Ms. Jensen moved that a letter be sent on to the Infrastructure Committee requesting an update on the progress of the project. The Committee would appreciate having a representative come to a Committee Meeting to give us an update when appropriate.

2. Lougheed Mall Theatres

Discussion ensued regarding the Lougheed Mall Movie Theatres and the chair lift for stair access, which is presently broken. A Committee member spoke of this situation, as it does not enable someone in a wheelchair or scooter to access the movie theatres.

The Committee also spoke to the issue regarding the automatic doors that have been moved from in front of Starbucks towards the Bay. The access is now at a further distance and is dangerous due to traffic for a person in a wheelchair or scooter to access the automatic doors from the bus loop or the handicapped parking stalls. The Committee recommends a 2nd set of automatic doors be located at their previous location, which is well used by patrons.

The Committee recommends:

COUNCIL
ACTION:

~~That~~
That Council authorize the Committee to forward letters to the Mayor and Council at the City of Burnaby, Lougheed Mall Management and Lougheed Mall Theatre Management requesting repairs be made to the chair accessing the stairs to the theatre and expressing the Committee concerns regarding the issue of access through the automatic door near the entrance to the Bay.

be forwarded from Mayor + Council

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Amended +
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3. Building Code Violations

It was noted that Bread Garden and Mr. Mikes have deficiencies according to the Building Code. Ms. Smith has assisted their managers with corrective measures. Ms. Smith had a number of concerns regarding non-compliance with the Building Code violations in recent construction.

It was suggested that a staff member from City Permits be invited to the next Mayor's Committee Meeting to be made aware of the dramatic increase in the number of non-compliance issues of Section 3.8 of the Building Code. Staff agreed to extend the invitation.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Pedestrian Crossing Signals

Discussion ensued regarding the issue of access to the traffic control buttons at the corner of North Rd. and Smith Ave. The Committee would like to know if this is a capital project issue and where on the list it is. It was suggested that Committee members make a list of different crosswalks that pose problems for crossing.

It was suggested that a staff member from Operations be invited to the next meeting of the Mayor's Committee to discuss issues of crosswalk signalization and plans for improvement. Staff will extend an invitation.

ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities will take place on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Watch agenda for meeting room allocation.

ITEM V - ADJOURNMENT

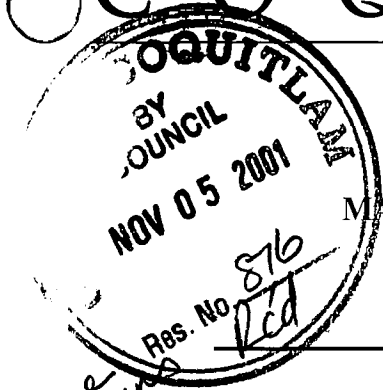
The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Melanie H. Wilson
CHAIR

Diane Lego
Diane Lego
Secretary



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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2001

* See Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, October 4, 2001 at 7:00pm in the Mike Butler Room in the Dogwood Pavilion located at 624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

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| Committee Members Present: | Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Merle Smith
Mike Jacobsen
Lynn Jensen
Alison Whitmore |
| Committee Members Absent: | Corinne Riedyk (phoned in regrets)
Sharon Oldham (phoned in regrets)
Keith Oldham |
| Guests: | Amy Lochman, SFU Research Student |
| Staff: | Brian Olsen, Traffic Technologist
Diane Lego, Program Coordinator |

ITEM 1 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held September 6, 2001 as amended.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Chair confirmed with the Committee that Mayor and Council would write a letter to Lougheed Mall Management regarding issues of accessibility.

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ITEM III – GUEST SPEAKERS

Amy Lochman, an SFU Research Student

Ms. Lochman, SFU Research Student spoke on issues of accessibility at the Real Canadian Superstore. Ms. Lochman has some difficulties walking and had a near accident at the Superstore. She has filed a complaint with Superstore management regarding her accident, but has not heard anything to date.

Ms. Lochman is hoping to do a survey of various clients regarding ramp access at the Superstore and is awaiting “ethics approval” from SFU.

The Committee recommended that Ms. Lochman also file a Human Rights Violation Claim with the B.C. Coalition for People with Disabilities and discussion ensued with respect to improving building code requirements to improve accessibility.

Ms. Lochman made a suggestion that Superstore should look at having carts available on the 2nd floor and have personal assistance for people who cannot manage the ramp.

Intersection Control Signaling Technician

Discussion ensued regarding the Pinetree Corridor Improvement Project. Traffic Technologist reported that the project is underway and verbal reports have been submitted to the Infrastructure Management Committee.

Staff presented a list of intersections that are presently under review for curb cuts this year. It is hoped that all will be completed by year-end. Discussion ensued regarding a number of intersections that are still not accessible and not only due to curb cuts.

Staff and Committee members discussed the intersection located at Smith Ave and Clarke Rd. and provided a number of viable solutions to improve accessibility.

ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS

Tetra Society: Youth Initiative Mentoring Project

Committee members brainstormed ideas of how to get out this information to interested parties or organizations.

Spirit of Community Awards

Ms. Kirk-Foreman spoke of the Spirit of Community Awards, which were to be held on Thursday, October 11, 2001 at the Terry Fox Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Committee member Ms. Corinne Riedyk has been nominated for an Accessibility Awareness Award.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

Christine Ludlow from Tri-Cities Family Place called about attending a meeting to talk about wheelchair access to Victoria Hall. Staff will invite her to the next meeting. Councillor Wilson will also refer her to the Infrastructure Management Committee.

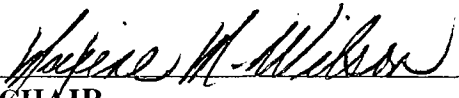
Staff will also re-extend an invitation to Staff in Development Services to attend the next meeting to discuss issues of building code violations.

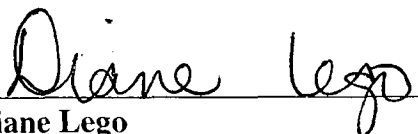
ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2001.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm


CHAIR

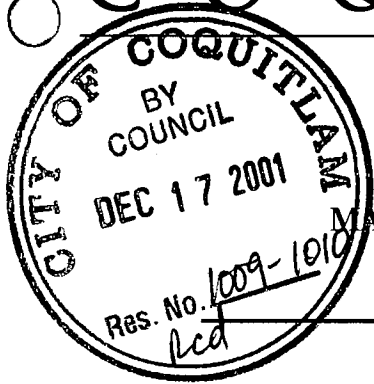

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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened on Thursday, November 8, 2001 at 7:00pm in the Cards Room in the Dogwood Pavilion located at 624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Maxine Wilson, Chair
Cynthia Kirk-Foreman
Merle Smith
Lynn Jensen
Corinne Riedyk
Alison Whitmore

Committee Members Absent:

Sharon Oldham (phoned in regrets)
Keith Oldham (phoned in regrets)
Mike Jacobsen

Guests:

Christine Kinney-Ludlow

Staff present:

Diane Lego, Program Coordinator
Perry Halabuza, Senior Plans Examiner

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2001

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting held October 4, 2001.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

ITEM III – GUEST SPEAKERS

518-1 Christine Kinney-Ludlow – Tri-Cities Family Place

Ms. Kinney-Ludlow appeared before the Committee to discuss accessibility regarding the parking lot at Victoria Hall. She stated that the gravel surface and 30-degree slope makes access difficult not only for wheelchairs but also for strollers and walkers.

Ms. Kinney-Ludlow confirmed that previous discussions regarding plans to build an accessible walkway from the bus stop to the building were cancelled because it was determined that due to the heavy traffic use, the walkway would not last. She further stated that staff from the Center currently meets people with disabilities to assist them over the gravel to the existing pad.

Mr. Kinney-Ludlow stated that the remainder of the building is fairly accessible.

The Committee discussed:

- concerns over the washrooms located on the lower floor as they are not accessible from the 2nd floor without exiting the building;
- options for the possibility of redesigning at least one of the washrooms to accommodate wheelchairs.

The Chair referred Ms. Kinney-Ludlow to the Infrastructure Management Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, November 26, 2001.

518-2 Perry Halabuza – Senior Plans Examiner, Development Services

The Committee discussed the Building Status Branch and inquired as to the present status quo of the group. Senior Plans Examiner will do some follow-up investigation.

Discussion ensued surrounding the issue of cuts from the Provincial Government level to the Municipal level and the lack of support for the B.C. Building Code where the National Building Standard is followed.

Mr. Halabuza spoke on the possibility of changes to the planning or rezoning stages of development (ie: sprinkler heads in high-rises).

The Committee discussed hopes that City Council would be more supportive of staff when issues of non-compliance are brought forth where teardowns and rebuilds are required, and that standards be maintained through inspection processes.

ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS

518-3 Audio Book Presentation

Ms. Riedyk spoke of an audio book presentation that was held at the library. She stated that Barbara Paterson from the Poirier Library would be interested in coming to a meeting to make a presentation about the audio book service and how one can qualify for the service. Staff will look into this for the new year.

518-4 Core Review

Ms. Smith questioned what impact any changes regarding Core Review by Government would have on the City and people with disabilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the transfer of the Building Code portfolio to the Aboriginal and Women's portfolio. The Committee voiced concerns that the Building Code may not have as much importance placed on it because of the transfer.

The Committee discussed the economic cuts that are presently in progress by the Provincial Government and the affects the cuts may have on the disabled community.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

518-5 Terms of Reference and Mission Statement

Discussion ensued regarding the Vision Statement, Purpose of the Committee and Definition of Disability.

Committee members made some changes to the statements prior to the acceptance of the Vision Statement, Purpose of the Committee and Definition of Disability.

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION:**

That Council amend the Terms of Reference to be implemented for the new term of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, as follows:

- i. That the word "disabled" be removed and replaced with "residents with a disability"; and
- ii. That the composition of the Committee not be limited to eight members but made up from a number of citizen representatives.

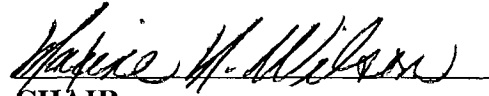
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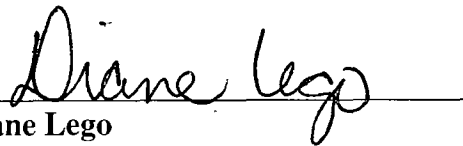
ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for December 6th and will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Milestone's Restaurant located at 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


CHAIR


Diane Lego
Secretary

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COMPOSITION

The Committee is an advisory Committee composed of eight citizen representatives and one Council Member appointed by Mayor and Council upon ~~recommendation~~ of the Mayor at the inaugural meeting of Council..

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CHAIR AND SECRETARY

The Chair is the Council member. A Deputy Chair may be named by the Chair.

The Secretary will be the Director of Leisure and Parks Services, or designate.

QUORUM AND PROCEDURES

A quorum will be a simple majority of the members present.

Minutes prepared by the Secretary shall go forward to Council with specific items marked for Council Action where consideration of resolutions is necessary.

COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Committee's mandate is as follows:

"residents with a disability"

- to make the City more livable for its disabled residents by the removal of physical and social barriers which impede their full participation in all aspects of City life;
- to advise Council on matters presently under consideration which affect the disabled;
- to monitor City programs to ensure that the needs of the disabled are considered;
- to work cooperatively with City Departments, Boards and Commissions whose activities affect the disabled and to provide advice and information to them;

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- to disseminate information on City matters affecting the disabled;
- to encourage and facilitate feedback through existing channels from the disabled on City matters affecting them;
- to bring to Council matters identified by the Committee as requiring action by the City; and
- to deal with any matters concerning the disabled which may be referred to the Committee by Council or by Standing Committees of Council.

TERMINATION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee exists at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council, and will normally be reconstituted at the inaugural meeting of Council.

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Vision Statement:

The Committee envisions Coquitlam to be a city, which values and promotes inclusion of all its citizens. This means that all individuals are entitled to equitable access in all aspects of community life. The practice of inclusion transcends the idea of physical accessibility and incorporates basic values that promote participation, interaction and friendship.

Purpose of the Committee:

The Committee exists to advise the Mayor and Council on issues, which affect people with disabilities.

Definition of Disability:

Disability means, with respect to an individual, an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional, behavioral or learning impairment, which substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual; a record of such an impairment exists, or that an individual is regarded as having such an impairment.