

**Access Ability Advisory Committee  
(AAAC)**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers– City Hall**

**AGENDA**

**1.0 ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of June 13, 2019**

**2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 28, 2019**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 No items**

**4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4.1 2019 AAAC Work Plan Continued Discussion – Lisa Leblanc**

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 No items**

**6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**6.1 Transportation Forum Summary – Christine Edward**

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 No items**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

**September 12**

**November 14**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**



**ACCESS ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAAC)**

**Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Committee Room 2 - City Hall**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Asifa Lalji	- Community Member
Anne Bélanger	- Community Member
Jordan Cripps	- Community Member
Karla Olson	- Community Member
Leslie Robinson	- Community Member
Bruce Cunnings	- SD40 Representative

**REGRETS:**

Colleen Vogler	- Community Member
Kendra Appleby	- Community Member

**STAFF:**

Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services
Christine Edward	- Transportation Planning Analyst
Tabitha Guichon	- Recording Secretary
Jay Young	- Manager, Recreation Facilities
Lazarus Yotamu	- Project Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties
Glen Stokes	- Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Procedural Note:**

***Item 2.1: Orientation and Oath of Office***  
**to be conducted prior to the start of regular agenda items.**

**1.0 ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of February 28, 2019**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda of the Access Ability Advisory Committee meeting held on February 28, 2019 be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 14, 2018**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Minutes of the Access Ability Advisory Committee held on June 14, 2018, be adopted with the following amendment:*

- *Page 1, Asifa Lalji was not present at the meeting and should be moved to the regrets section*
- *Page 4, last paragraph, should read that this was specific for intersections such as Sixth Avenue & Sixth Street and Eighth Street and Carnarvon...*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Orientation and Oath of Office**

Heather Corbett, Committee Clerk, provided a presentation which covered the role of advisory committees, terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies & freedom of information and, lastly, oaths of office.

### **3.2 Sportsplex**

Jay Young, Lazarus Yotamu and Glen Stokes provided a presentation on the new Queens Park Sportsplex. The project is currently halfway through the design process. Throughout the presentation, staff welcomed comments and suggestions and the following information was provided:

- Comfort height toilet & a grab bar in all stalls.
- All vanities will be accessible.
- There will be a covered area in the front of the building.
- Automatic slide doors on the building may be considered, but if not, it was suggested to use a type of push button similar to Glenbrook School. Anne Bélanger will provide a photo to send to Glen.
- The middle picture on figure 3.8.52 was preferred with the addition of a bench (similar to Canada Games Pool) on the wall across from the toilet.
- A sign noting that priority is for people with disabilities & seniors for the separate bathroom
- Suggestion for checkered space around the accessible parking spot and to use the new forward motion logo.

- Suggestions for making the entire front area at a gradual slant to eliminate the need for a step up from the parking lot

### 2.3 2019 AAAC Work Plan

Lisa Leblanc, Transportation Manager & Christine Edward, Transportation Planning Analyst, discussed the 2019 AAAC Work Plan. This was done in a workshop style where members were asked the following questions:

- What are your 3 biggest access and accessibility issues/concerns/gripes in the City of New Westminster? (Yellow post-its)
- What is working well or “are we getting right”? (blue post-its)

As a result of the workshop, the ideas were categorized into the following themes:

- Culture & Awareness
- Design
- Policy

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- In terms of universal design, it was suggested that staff engage with members that have various disabilities during the process
- A recommendation to have council or the mayor to negotiate the city based on a tour that the committee comes up with. This included places such as medical buildings, schools, elevators, sky train, etc....
- Staff will return to the next meeting and provide a list of what the role of the committee could have to address all these items.

## 4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 4.1 No items

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Election of the Alternate Chair

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Anne Bélanger act as Alternate Chair for the Access Ability Advisory Committee for the 2019 term.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Transportation Forum – Councillor Johnstone**

Councillor Johnstone discussed the transportation forum scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019 that is happening as part of Innovation week and encouraged members to attend.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 No items**

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

**April 11, 2019**  
**June 13, 2019**  
**September 12, 2019**  
**November 14, 2019**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

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**PATRICK JOHNSTONE**  
**CHAIR**

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**TABITHA GUICHON**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**

# Culture + Awareness

UNCONCIOUS  
BIAS/SENSITIVITY  
TRAINING FOR CITY  
STAFF AND SMALL  
BUSINESS (CHAMBERS)

Create a culture  
of letting those in  
need go first →  
people with disabilities  
board buses first →  
first thought not  
after thought

Create "safe"  
people for those  
with dementia etc.  
name tags  
"lost? Ask me"

# Design

Street  
Design

- push button location

- Street/  
Sidewalk

Sidewalk ~~work~~  
Improvements

Width ~~of~~  
of number of  
accessible

- Parking

parking spots  
city/shopping ~~area~~

Build  
design -

- elevator buttons

height -  
why not horizontal?

# Policy

MORE WHEELCHAIR TAXIS (INSTEAD OF HANDY DART) WITH PRIORITY FOR PEOPLE w/ WHEELCHAIRS

## -Taxis

(CITY OR TRANSLINK?)

LACK OF PUBLIC WASHROOMS AT TRANSIT HUBS — E.G. 22ND ST. STATION, NEW WEST STN.

- Public Washrooms

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

— CITY VS.

PROPERTY OWNER <sup>not working</sup> RESPONSIBILITY

- snow clearing on sidewalks for access

- Operation/Maintenance

MAKE ALL CITY/PUBLIC SPACES UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE.

- Universal Design



# What works well

Create a  
fantastic sense of

Community

- community engagement  
feedbacks on projects  
(pattulo/CGP)

- Community

EVENTS ARE  
MORE ACCESSIBLE  
AND INCLUSIVE.

♡ Over all, ~~the~~ the  
acknowledgement & understanding  
that Accessibility needs are  
diverse & need to be considered

I think the City  
turned the accessibility  
with the Q to Q  
ferry around really  
well!

CURB CUTS -  
CITY DOING GOOD  
WORK ENSURING  
C.C.'S AT EACH  
CORNER (BUT PLS.  
FIX 8TH + COLUMBIA  
N.W. CORNER)

- Projects