



## **ACCESS ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014 3:00 pm**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**

### **MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Betty McIntosh	Chair
Anne Bélanger	Community
Ryan Chilton	Student
Paul Gauthier	Community
Glen Henderson	New Westminster School Board (3:10 pm)
Mary Varga	Community
Michael Wilson	Community
Ken Wilkinson	Community

**NON-VOTING MEMBER ABSENT:**

Ron Jones	Special Advisor
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**VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

Erin Gable	Community
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**GUESTS:**

Mr. Don McCuiston

**STAFF:**

Eugene Wat	Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services
Jason Haight	Manager, Business Ops, Parks, Culture and Recreation (3:05 pm)
Sukh Maghera	Coordinator, Parking & Animal Services, Engineering Operations
Stacey Neves	A/Engineering Technologist, Engineering Services
Kathy Prothero	Recording Clerk, Engineering Services

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

Mr. Paul Gauthier recently moved to New Westminster and is one of the new members for the current term. Mr. Gauthier introduced himself Committee and provided background information to members.

**1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of Minutes of February 27, 2014**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Access Ability Advisory Committee meeting held February 27, 2014 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED**

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

Mr. Gauthier asked if a copy of the minutes could be sent to him in word format so that additions could be made as it is more user-friendly. The Chair and staff have agreed to this request.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Draft Street Traffic Bylaw – Ms. Neves & Mr. Maghera**

The last Street Traffic Bylaw was written in 1991 thus the need for an update. A copy of this presentation and the draft bylaw will be sent to members for input. Written comments are requested to be returned to Ms. Neves or the Recording Clerk by April 18. Below are comments made during the presentation:

- Trees blocking the ability of vehicles to park and allow the passenger/driver with mobility issues to exit;
- Members would like to see an exemption when a ramp needs to go beyond the 6 meter allowable area;
- What about a work vehicle that is left unattached on the street;
- Two Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will be hired to enforce new truck weight restrictions;
- Staff are looking for a name for the Pay Parking Disability Permit and we need a distinction and a suggestion from the floor was Access Parking Pass;
- Truck routes are consistent with what is in the current Bylaw although a letter has gone to TransLink to approve a change to the City's truck routes;

Staff then outlined the next steps toward getting this Bylaw approved by the City Solicitor and Council.

Ms. Neves and Mr. Maghera left the meeting @ 4:06 pm.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Ostomy Toilet Update - Don McCuiston**

Mr. McCuiston updated members on his trip to Japan to view ostomy facilities. Ostomy washrooms in Japan are very large and accessible and pictures were circulated to members for information (they are available in the file to view). Mr. McCuiston tried to touch bases with the Ostomy Association in Tokyo but was not successful although he did get hold of a

representative from a manufacturing company who lives and works in Japan. He enquired with Toto (a manufacturer) in Japan and they have a North American office in Georgia. In speaking with the facility, these toilets will not be circulated and sold until approval is granted by FDA (CSA in Canada). The Chair has recommended that Mr. McCuiston speak with Mr. Wilkinson off-line to work together outside this Committee to see if assistance can be provided in moving forward.

#### **4.2 Election of Representative to be appointed to the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed) – Councillor McIntosh**

Councillor McIntosh asked if any members were interested in submitting their names to act as a representative on the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed). The representative would be required to attend meetings and provide information updates back to this Committee. As this item was tabled from the last meeting and there were no volunteers again, it was decided that a request of the ACTBiPed Recording Clerk would be made to have the minutes forwarded to this Committee for information.

### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Engineering Update – Mr. Eugene Wat**

Mr. Wat summarized the two memos circulated to members with the Agenda:

Accessible Transit Stop Program –

- 58% of stops in 2007 were accessible and we are currently at 83%. We are number two in the region and our goal is to be 97% accessible (some stops are impossible to make accessible due to the grade).
  - One member suggested that we look at 100% by utilizing a ramping situation for riders and another acknowledged there are challenges around New West station but as the sidewalk network is upgraded the situation will improve.
  - Councillor McIntosh advised that at 8th Avenue and 6th Street (by the IHOP) the bus will not stop and drop their ramp. Mr. Wat believes there is a right-of-way constraint as the property line is quite close to the corner.
  - One member also commented that there is not an accessible stop on the west side of 8th Street and 6th Avenue (in front of Century House).

Annual Accessibility Upgrades Program –

- Our goal is to have all intersections with sidewalks wheelchair accessible;
- Our 2014 budget is \$125k; funding doubled in 2012 due to CEEP contribution; and
- We focus in high pedestrian zones first and expect that by 2020 we should achieve curb letdowns at all intersections.

Councillor McIntosh also asked about the transit shelter program and Mr. Wat advised this is a separate program. The City works with the Pattison Group and we are limited to adding one new location per year.

## 6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

### 6.1 Information Update – Councillor McIntosh, Chair

- City Council has spent a lot of time on bridges -
  - Bailey Bridge between New Westminster and Coquitlam failed and had to be closed. An arbitration process is underway with the City of Coquitlam but in the interim the structure will be replaced with a one lane bridge on loan from the Ministry of Transportation;
  - Pattullo Bridge Policy Paper was issued by the City and meetings are underway with other municipalities lobbying our position;
  - Construction on the Fourth Street connection to Westminster Pier Park has started and should be functioning by late Fall;
  - Quayside to Queensborough pedestrian bridge concept went to public consultation and the draw bridge option was chosen.
- Office Tower above the Anvil Centre has been sold -
  - Anvil Centre is opening in September
  - Following a question by a member, the Chair advised the Anvil Centre will have different rate structures for not-for-profit groups.

#### Procedural Note –

Mr. Michael Wilson left the meeting at 4:50 pm.

#### Engineering Information Update:

- Master Transportation Plan Open house:
  - Wednesday, April 9 at Century House; 4:30 – 6:30 pm; and
  - Thursday, April 10 at City Hall; 4:00 – 8:00 pm.

#### Procedural Note –

- Mr. Ken Wilkinson left the meeting at 4:55 pm.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE (received by members for information)

### MOVED AND SECONDED

**THAT** the following correspondence circulated to members be received:

- 7.1 Access Transit External Stakeholder Newsletter; March 2014
- 7.2 My Health My Community Survey Distribution
- 7.3 Calling all Photographers: A Community Inclusion Initiative

**CARRIED**

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

## 8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 12 @ 3 pm  
Council Chamber, City Hall

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

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**COUNCILLOR BETTY MCINTOSH  
CHAIR**

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**KATHY PROTHERO  
RECORDING CLERK**

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