

MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS MEETING
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2021-JUN-23, AT 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Z. Maartman, Chair (joined electronically)
Councillor S. Armstrong (joined electronically 4:13 p.m.)
A. Breen, At Large Member (joined electronically)
S. Cameron, At Large Member (joined electronically 4:12 p.m.)
L. Derksen, At Large Member (joined electronically)
S. Hamel, At Large Member (joined electronically 4:12 p.m.)
R. Harlow, At Large Member (joined electronically 4:12 p.m.)
D. Hollins, At Large Member (joined electronically)
J. Maffin, At Large Member (joined electronically)
R. Pike, At Large Member (joined electronically)
E. Williamson, At Large Member (joined electronically)
- Absent: T. Davenock, At Large Member
- Staff: R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture (joined electronically)
L. Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture (joined electronically)
L. Clarkson, Manager, Recreation Services (joined electronically)
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning (joined electronically)
J. Rose, Manager, Transportation (joined electronically)
K. Kronstal, Social Planner (joined electronically)
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer (joined electronically)
J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary (joined electronically)

1. CALL THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS MEETING TO ORDER:

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 6(a) Universal Design Workshop Feasibility - Sky Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer, recommended that the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness (ACAI) refer to the recommendation listed in the Staff report and not the wording provided on the Agenda front pages.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Special Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 2021-MAY-26, at 4:01 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) REIMAGINE NANAIMO Project Update

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- Provided an update on REIMAGINE NANAIMO project Progress (the project)
 - Engagement for Phase 2 launching on Monday, 2021-JUN-28
 - Phase one completed January 2021 and engagement summary is available
 - Currently in Phase 2 targeting how to achieve the goals highlighted by the community
 - Identified some key themes identified by the community such as Waterfront Identity, Green Approach and a Supportive City
 - During Phase 2 staff will be looking for community input on the five goals and 25 indicators that have been identified by Council, Council Committees and Staff
 - Phase 2 will also be seeking feedback on the indicators used to measure progress of the goals and reviewing different scenarios
 - Invited ACAI members to participate in an online workshop which could be hosted specifically for the committee or done individually
- Discussed goals for Phase 2 Public Engagement Strategy
 - Phase 2 engagement will launch Monday, June 28th, 2021; however, Staff have already been engaging with School District 68 (SD68) and Vancouver Island University (VIU) in order to target students who might not be available during the summer break
 - Staff have been hosting workshops and distributing art kits to students
 - Student art projects will be displayed in City affiliated spaces
 - Throughout the summer workshops and pop-ups are planned primarily for outdoor public spaces
 - Second survey to collect input will open in July once the scenarios become available
 - One of the challenges with the scenarios is that they can be quite complicated so people are encouraged to participate in a workshop to ensure they receive a full explanation of what each scenario is representing
 - Noted the different types of digital outreach and media announcements being used to communicate with the public such as Get Involved Nanaimo and soon Tik Tok (hosted by co-op students)
 - More traditional media sources are also being used such as print ads, media releases and radio spots

- When the COVID-19 vaccination site opened at Beban Park Staff realized this was an opportunity to provide people with information on the project while they are waiting for their vaccinations
- There are a number of organizations and stakeholders involved in the project such as the Regional District of Nanaimo, VIU, SD68 and Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN)
- Requested feedback from the ACAI committee regarding engaging in workshops and ideas for more inclusive engagement

S. Cameron, S. Hamel and R. Harlow joined the meeting electronically at 4:12 p.m.

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Requested more information regarding the ways that members can engage
- Outdoor Play Day at Westwood Lake has a lot of activities tailored to people and children with disabilities and might be an opportunity for a pop-up

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, noted that Staff are happy to participate and join other scheduled events in the community when they have the opportunity.

Committee discussion continued regarding coordination between the project and the Mayor's Leaders' Table.

Councillor Armstrong joined the meeting electronically at 4:13 p.m.

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, noted that a copy of the Doughnut Economy City Portrait was attached to the ACAI Agenda. She noted that Council did make some changes when they received the City Portrait on 2021-JUN-14 and those changes are not reflected on the attached version.

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning, noted that one of the aspects of the Phase 2 engagement will be asking people about the Doughnut Economy framework.

6. REPORTS:

(a) Universal Design Workshop Feasibility

Introduced by Lynn Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture.

- Workshop is being offered by Spinal Cord Injury BC
- Workshop is an introductory course about incorporating universal design in programming and facility design, and teaches about common barriers in designs and universal access to programming
- ACAI has an annual budget of \$5,000
- Cost of the course is \$1,250

Jocelyn Maffin disconnected from the meeting at 4:22 p.m. stating a conflict of interest as she works for Spinal Cord Injury BC.

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness approve funding of \$1,250 from the Committee's annual budget for the Universal Design Workshop to be attended by up to 14 committee members and staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Jocelyn Maffin rejoined the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Committee discussion took place regarding the capacity for all members to participate in the Universal Design Workshop. It was suggested that an invitation be distributed to committee members to confirm which members would like to participate.

(b) Removal of Garbage and Recycling Cans from Sidewalks

Introduced by Jamie Rose, Manager, Transportation.

- Report is in response to a previous ACAI motion regarding drafting a bylaw to prohibit garbage and recycling bins on sidewalks
- Staff have reviewed the current bylaws related to the placement of garbage and recycling bins on sidewalks and noted that there are two bylaws that address this issue
- Staff feel that this issue can be enforced under the existing bylaws

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Bylaws being complaint driven
- Educating the public regarding the placement of garbage and recycling carts
- Opportunity for a Tik Tok video
- Ensuring the sanitation staff replace bins in a manner that does not block sidewalks

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Disability Alliance BC Grants

Introduced by Lynn Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture.

- Requested that ACAI consider projects that could apply for the Disability Alliance BC Grant
- Grant applications will be available in September 2021

Sky Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer, noted that the next ACAI meeting is scheduled for 2021-SEP-22.

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Suggestion that an idea be conceived in advance of the announcement as these grants can be competitive and tend to lean towards applications that include people with diverse abilities in their communities, environment and work force

Lynn Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture, noted that the criteria for the grant is not currently available. She suggested that the City develop indicators to gauge how well the City is doing in terms of accessibility and inclusion for the REIMAGINE Nanaimo project and that might be a potential project.

Committee discussion continued. Highlights included:

- Previous successful grants are available online for reference
- Considering infrastructure in parks and community centres to improve accessibility
- Previous applications seemed more activity and arts focused with a goal of involving people with disabilities in an activity or program
- Some tourism applications were previously successful
- Submitting an application that is strategic and targets a dollar amount that has previously been successful
- Next call for artist for downtown artwork including (or targeting) minority groups such as people with disabilities or LGBTQIA2S+

(b) Leisure Economic Access Pass (LEAP) Recommendations Update

Lynn Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture, informed the committee that Council adopted the recent recommendations from ACAI regarding the LEAP program. Staff are forming a working group for implementation and moving on to phase four of the LEAP review. The majority of the recommendations are expected to be implemented by September 2021.

(c) Recommendations from Sarah Cameron Update

Lynn Wark, Director, Recreation and Culture, informed the committee that Council made a motion to refer the recommendations from Sarah Cameron to Staff for a report.

Committee discussion took place regarding the Staff member assigned to author the report consulting with members of the community.

Richard Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, stated that he will be preparing the report, with support of other departments, and will reach out to community organizations.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:42 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER