

UNIVERSAL ACCESS-ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: **Council Chambers via Zoom (RSVP Required)**

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Working Group Update – 2023 Biennial Education Event Pre-Planning**
Working Group Leader; 7:05-7:15 p.m. (10 minutes)
3. **Transportation, TransLink and Other Departmental Updates (Standing Agenda Item)**
Glen Chua, Major Project Planner; 7:15-7:25 p.m. (10 minutes)
4. **2022 Year-end Review/Identify Potential Items for the Draft 2023 Work Plan**
Dragana Mitic, Manager Transportation/Committee input & feedback; 7:25-7:45 p.m. (20 minutes)
5. **UAAC Emerging Issues/Updates (Standing Agenda Item)**
Members' opportunity to share emerging universal accessibility issues/community updates.
Committee Members; 7:45-8:00 p.m. (15 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBA (2023)

ADJOURNMENT



UNIVERSAL ACCESS-ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 5, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
Robert Bottos
Kiyo Breiting
Judy Jackson, Tri-Cities Seniors Action Society (Alternate)
Alex Kwan
Heather Lawson
Pat Roy, Canadian Council for the Blind – BC-Yukon Division

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Kim, Chair
Barbara Oliver
Ross Renaud, SHARE Family and Community Services
Pete Stone, Community Ventures Society

STAFF: Dragana Mitic, Manager Transportation
Canisius Chan, Transportation Planning Manager
Glen Chua, Major Project Planner
Jeri Hohn, Committee Clerk

Councillor Towner assumed the role of Chair, noting that Councillor Kim had sent his sincere regrets.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair acknowledged that the City operates on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation).

At the Chair's invitation, the Transportation Planning Manager reported that he was leaving the City's employ and introduced Dragana Mitic, Manager Transportation, to the Committee. The Manager Transportation noted that she would be filling the role of staff lead on an interim basis, with support provided by the Major Project Planner. The Chair and Committee members expressed appreciation and thanked the Transportation Planning Manager for the excellent support that he had provided to the Committee during his years as staff lead.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022

The Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Strategic Transportation Plan Update

The Chair welcomed the Major Project Planner to the meeting and he introduced himself and provided a presentation, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Strategic Transportation Plan Update
- Agenda
- What is the Strategic Transportation Plan?
- What is the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP)?
- Why are we updating this Plan?
- Changing Landscapes
- Changing Industry Standards
- Emerging Transportation Trends
- E-Mobility Strategy
- Alignment with City Priorities
- Integration with Regional Transportation Plans
- Project Timeline
- 5 Phases for STP Update
- Community Engagement
- Engagement Opportunities
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Thank You

The Committee considered the following focus questions:

- Do you have any suggestions regarding how we can reduce barriers to participation and be as inclusive as possible during this process?
- Are there any equity or inclusivity issues you see with respect to the current transportation network in Coquitlam?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether e-scooters were allowed to travel along city sidewalks
- The integration of Coquitlam's STP with other municipal transportation plans in the Region
- The desire that a more direct and faster transportation route from Coquitlam to Vancouver International Airport be implemented
- The suggestion that audible walk signals at crosswalks also include an audible countdown, to assist visually impaired people to safely cross intersections
- An equity and inclusion concern regarding skateboarders and e-scooter operators travelling along sidewalks and walking paths and whether the STP could address that issue
- Details of the Provincial Kick Scooter Pilot Project and that the City had applied to participate in the Project
- That under the auspices of the Project, it would be legal to use e-scooters along the

designated streets/areas of the participating municipalities

- The desire that the STP's community engagement plan include outreach to seniors' groups and individual seniors and gather input from them at their physical location
- The desire that the City ensure that language would not be a barrier to collecting public input regarding the STP from all parts of the community
- The City's plan to develop an STP information background in the top three or four most commonly spoken languages in the city

The Major Project Planner provided his contact information to the Committee members and the Chair encouraged the Committee to email any further input to staff.

3. Working Group Updates

2022 BC Access Awareness Day Working Group

Volunteers: Alex Kwan (Group Leader), Kiyo Breiting, Georgette Reyes, and Pat Roy

The Working Group Leader provided the Committee with a debrief regarding the UAAC's booth activities and participation in the City's Canada Day celebrations at Town Centre Park on July 1st. He noted that 108 adults and children visited the booth and that the following items were featured: blind tennis props, accessibility brochures and literature, reflector giveaways, tactile surface and braille bus stop sign samples, and a raffle draw for Parks and Recreation gift certificates.

The Sub-Committee members and the staff lead shared positive comments and anecdotes about the day, the overall success of the UAAC's participation in the event, and the public awareness and educational goals met by the group. The Group Leader thanked the booth volunteers and the staff lead for their excellent support in advance of, and on the day of the event.

The staff lead noted his belief that although BC Access Awareness Day occurs on the first Saturday in June, raising awareness during the City's Canada Day celebration was most effective and he recommended the same template for event planning by the Committee in future years.

The Chair commended and thanked the Sub-Committee members, booth volunteers, and the staff lead for their hard work in helping to make the event a resounding success.

2023 Biennial Education Event Working Group

Volunteers: Heather Lawson (Group Leader), Kiyo Breiting, Ross Renaud, and Pete Stone

The Group Leader provided a verbal update regarding 2023 event planning for the Committee's information, including the following:

- The proposed purpose of the event to remove barriers and re-engage accessibility and at-risk communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- The desire for the Committee to settle upon a 2023 biennial event theme/title
- The desire for the Committee to support utilizing the same event format and structure as that used in 2021
- The desire for the City to confirm that the 2023 event could be provided via its Zoom

platform with staff supports and whether the event could be held via a hybrid model rather than fully within Zoom

- The desire for the event to be well promoted on the City's social media platforms
- The desire for the City to approve a budget for the event, including \$250 per keynote speaker
- The desire to confirm that the City could provide sign language translators for the event
- The need for the Committee to find an event moderator and the preference that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee (a City Councillor) volunteer
- The intent that event details could be further fleshed out during future Committee meetings and finalized in 2023

The Committee expressed no objections to the event planning information as verbally presented. The Group Leader noted that she could provide an on-screen presentation during the September meeting for the Committee's review.

2022 Welcome to Coquitlam

Volunteers: Rob Bottos (Group Leader), Barb Oliver, Georgette Reyes, and Susan Williamson

The Transportation Planning Manager noted that he had followed-up with Community Planning staff and shared that Welcome to Coquitlam would be postponed to 2023 due to the desire to hold an in-person event, the limited available window remaining to hold the event in 2022 and, were it to be scheduled, uncertainty surrounding the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on an in-person event in the fall of 2022.

The Group Leader noted that the Sub-Committee had not met since the last Committee meeting, as they wished to confirm the event date prior proceeding with further planning. She noted her hope that the information discussed during the May 10, 2022 Committee meeting regarding the purpose and goals of the UAAC's participation in the event, could be carried forward and utilized by the Committee during 2023 event planning.

In response to a question from a Committee member, the staff lead noted that the date of the next Welcome to Coquitlam could be confirmed with Community Planning staff in the future.

4. Transportation, TransLink and Other Departmental Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

The Transportation Planning Manager provided the Committee with an update, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Transportation, TransLink, Other Departments Update – July 5, 2022
- Compost Giveaway
- Q the Map Trail Accessibility
- Census Data
- Pool Accessibility
- Micromobility Demonstration

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a micro-mobility demonstration recently provided to the City by Neuron Mobility, an e-scooter vendor. The Chair and the staff lead spoke to the notable accessibility, safety, and geo-fencing measures and features of the e-scooters demonstrated. The Manager Transportation spoke to the City's intention to ensure that

e-scooters could be accommodated in the City in a controlled and safe manner.

In response to questions from the Committee members, the Manager Transportation noted that, in BC, people sixteen years of age and older are only legally permitted to operate e-scooters along roads in those municipalities participating in the Provincial Kick Scooter Pilot Project. She further noted that the City hoped to hear from the Province in the fall regarding the application it had submitted to participate in the Pilot Project.

5. Accessible Communities Emerging Issues and Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited the Committee members to share information regarding happenings and events occurring in their communities, and there were none.

In response to a question from a Committee member regarding the completion date for the Spani Pool renovation, the staff lead noted that Transportation staff could follow-up and report back during the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

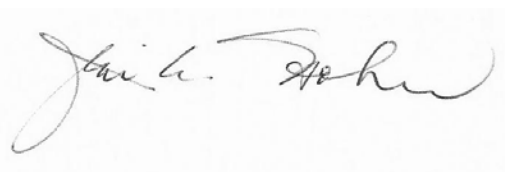
NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, September 20, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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CHAIR



Jeri Hohn
Committee Clerk