

**UNIVERSAL ACCESS-ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair
Julianne Cressman, Citizen Representative
Paul Jarvie, Citizen Representative
Heather Lawson, Citizen Representative
Benjamin Perry, Citizen Representative
Georgette Reyes, Citizen Representative
Pete Stone, Community Ventures Society
Ross Renaud, SHARE Family and Community Services
Susan Williamson, Tri-Cities Seniors’ Action Society

GUESTS: Hayley Inglis, Urban Matters

REGRETS: Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
Dana Ebtekar, Citizen Representative
Alex Kwan, Citizen Representative
Pat Roy, Canadian Council of the Blind BC-Yukon Division

STAFF: Michelle Frilund, Acting Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Ryan Voon, Climate and Energy Manager
Thomas Thivener, Transportation Planning Manager
Julia Power, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

The Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Accessibility Plan Update**

The Acting Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion introduced the City's Accessibility Plan consultant, Urban Matters and provided a presentation entitled "Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Update" that covered the following:

- Outlined the existing EDI work implemented by the City and a timeline for future plans

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to know the source and amount of the Committee's budget, as well as optimal strategies for its allocation in future events
- The desire for the city to provide background information when implementing EDI objectives to enhance educational efforts

3. Climate Action Plan Update

The Climate and Energy Manager and Sustainability Program Specialist provided a Presentation entitled "Climate Action Plan: Phase 3 Project Update & Engagement Highlights" that covered the following topics:

- Outlined the plan's priorities, timeline, public engagement feedback, and next steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns regarding new developments not being accessible, and the challenges of sharing multi-use paths
- Desire for accessible transit infrastructure in rural areas and increased housing near routes with frequent transit

4. UAAC Working Group Updates

The Acting Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provided introductory comments relative to the following:

- A debrief on the AccessAbility Resource Fair which was held on Sunday, May 26, 2024
- An update for Canada Day working group and plans

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire for modifications to the planning of future AccessAbility Resource fairs, including increased advertisement, desirable location and potential partnerships with the public library
- The desire for Canada Day UAAC Volunteers to receive easily identifiable t-shirts and for a designated accessible area to watch the fireworks

5. Transportation and Other Department Updates

The Transportation Planning Manager provided introductory comments relative to the following:

- Provided updates regarding infrastructure improvements, new guidelines for floating bus stops, plans for protected intersections and shortened pedestrian crosswalks and future plans for expanded shared micro-mobility parking and boundaries
- Go by Bike Week currently happening – celebration station in front of Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station; HUB, Neuron, and Lime in attendance

Discussion ensued relative to the desire for the City to adopt all-way pedestrian crossings.

6. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Accessibility Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging accessibility issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

The following information was discussed:

- Concerns regarding the improper use of shared scooters
- Concerns of The Special Olympics Organization’s difficulty in securing a new facility for their basketball program
- The desire for increased parking at Dogwood Pavilion
- Updates on the Pride Allies Committee developing a resource guide for Tri-Cities organizations and the LGBTQ2S+ community
- Tri-Cities Pride celebration will be held July 20, 2024 at the Town Centre Park Community Centre

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Julia Power, Committee Clerk