



DISTRICT OF SECHELT
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Conference Room, 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, BC
Wednesday, March 7th, 2018
10:00 am
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of December 6th, 2017 – *for receipt* Pg 2-5

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 Age Friendly Grant Verbal

6.2 New Zoning Bylaw Verbal

6.3 Review an Accessible Housing Covenant Verbal

6.4 Access Awareness Event: Scooterama Verbal

6.5 Disability Parking on Cowrie Verbal

7. ADJOURNMENT

**DISTRICT OF SECHELT
MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Held in the Conference Room, 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, BC
December 6, 2017**

PRESENT Bill Conway (Chair), Jennifer Mason, Lynne Forrest, Elise Rudland, Christie Totten, Councillor Muller, Community Planner Aaron Thompson

STAFF Megan Roberts, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. 1 – Agenda

That one item be added to the agenda:

6.5 Discussion of Right Hand Signs on the Highway at Brookman Park.

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of November 1, 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS

6.1 Scooter Event Update

In discussion it was noted that:

- Additional funding for the event will be announced next year;
- The venue where the event has previously been held, the seniors centre, may not be available as renovations will be taking place;
- Other event locations to be considered include Greencourt;
- The Scooter Safety Awareness poster from last year could be reused.

6.2 2018 List of Priorities

In discussion it was noted that:

2018 List of Priorities		
1	Access Awareness Day 2018 needs advertising	Not completed
2	Improvements to pedestrian access near Ebptide and a connection to the pier at Porpoise Bay Wharf	Not completed
3	Install a connecting walkway on Anchor Road from Wharf Avenue to Trail Avenue	Not completed
4	Continue painting crosswalks	
4a	Crosswalk paint to be thicker	Not completed
4b	New roads designed with cane guides along the crosswalk	Not applicable
4c	Crosswalk at Coast Mountain Housing Society across from Binnacle Street	Not completed
4d	Crosswalk at East Porpoise Bay road and Wharf street	Not completed
5	Install a safety barrier between the ocean and narrow areas along the Davis Bay walkway	Not completed
6	Install an elevator in the Seaside Centre	Not completed
7	Install hearing loop at Seaside Centre	Not completed
8	Construct an extension of the sidewalk along the Sunshine Coast Highway at Davis Bay between Pier 17 and Bay Road	Not completed
9	Install letdown on Ocean Avenue across from Mermaid Street	Not completed
10	Install a Power Mobility Device charging station in public facilities such as the Sechelt Aquatic Centre and library building	Not completed
11	Provide wider access area in downtown for free Wi-Fi	Unclear whether in progress
12	Construct an accessible playground in Hackett Park and Mission Point Park/Brookman Park	Perry Schmit, Parks Supervisor, looking for grants/funding
13	Add list of accessible trails on DOS website	In progress

14	Amend Official Community Plan accessibility guidelines to make them more stringent. Amend Development & Subdivision Control Bylaw 430 accessibility design guidelines to bring them up to date with current provincial accessibility requirements.	Not completed
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- That the following items be added to the list of priorities:

15	Install a flashing light at Ocean and Cowrie street
16	Repaint the disability sign in front of the art gallery located at Cowrie Street and at the side of Peoples Drug Mart
17	Add disability parking by Guardian Pharmacy
18	Add charging outlets for scooters at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre
19	Widen the sidewalk on Ocean between Medusa to Cowrie Street

6.3 OCP Amendment – Spectrum of Care

In discussion it was noted that:

- The Official Community Plan needs to create additional policy on seniors housing;
- District of Sechelt Community Planners are hoping to get feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee on seniors housing in regards to where they should get located, how they should be classified, and what sort of densities and amenities they should be near to;
- Assisted living is not just for seniors;
- Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee expressed concern that if something becomes part of the Official Community Plan it could be restricting;
- Most, not all, care homes are licensed;
- The Official Community Plan should not define what type of support people get and where the care facilities should be located. Type of care received should be up to the individual, not the Official Community Plan;
- Assisted living care homes should be allowed to be built in rural areas and not just within the urban containment boundary;
- Assisted living should be built near bus stops and have easy access to transport;
- Assisted living care homes should not be built taller than the maximum height of a fire truck ladder;
- It was felt that the report was narrow minded, too focused on seniors, and contained ambiguous language (e.g. how “daily living” is used);
- Some members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee felt the District has no right to decide what type of service an individual receives in each unit of a care home;
- Nothing in report is finalized, no proposed bylaw amendment written yet, looking for ways to improve;
- The committee requested that they are able to review any draft bylaw before it

- goes forward;
- Sunshine Coast Accessible and Adaptable Guideline brochure to be sent out in advance of the next meeting and added to the next committee agenda in February.

6.4 ICSP Advisory Committee Update

Due to loud construction noise on the roof of the building, this update was postponed until the next meeting.

6.5 Right Hand Signs on the Highway at Brookman

In discussion it was noted that:

- Concern was expressed regarding the location of the right hand turn sign at Brookman Park as its position is causing a hazard for pedestrians;
- Councillor Muller indicated he will discuss this with the Director of Engineering.

NEXT MEETING

February 7, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Conference Meeting Room, District of Sechelt, 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt.

ADJOURNMENT

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of December 6, 2017 be adjourned at 11:30 am.

CARRIED

Bill Conway, Chair

Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer