

**ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:01 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
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
Julianne Cressman, Citizen Representative
Dana Ebtakar, Citizen Representative
Paul Jarvie, Citizen Representative
Alex Kwan, Citizen Representative
Benjamin Perry, Citizen Representative
Georgette Reyes, Citizen Representative
Pat Roy, Canadian Council of the Blind BC-Yukon Division
Pete Stone, Community Ventures Society
Ross Renaud, SHARE Family and Community Services
Elaine de Koning, Tri-Cities Seniors’ Action Society

REGRETS: Heather Lawson, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Doug McLeod, Director Transportation
Michelle Frilund, Acting Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Thomas Thivener, Transportation Planning Manager
Kate Brown, Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist
Julia Power, Legislative Services Clerk
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

The Minutes of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Committee Name Update

The Chair provided introductory comments relative to the Committee name change and alignment with provincial legislation

There was no discussion to this item.

3. Accessibility Plan Update

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

- Overview of updates to the Accessibility and Inclusion Plan including, alignment with the Accessible BC Act, applicable work areas and public engagement opportunities.

There was no discussion to this item.

4. Working Group Updates

Acting Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist expressed thanks to committee members for their participation in the Canada Day event.

The Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist provided introductory comments relative to the following:

- Overview of the questions and feedback received during the Canada Day event
- Overview of the Tri-Cities Pride event and plans to include Coquitlam Pride to the 2025 Committee work plan

The Committee members expressed appreciation to volunteers for the successful event.

5. Transportation and Other Department Updates

The Director Transportation provided a presentation entitled “Transportation, TransLink and Other Department Updates” that covered the following:

- Overview of the Shared Micromobility Pilot Program including, service area expansion, user statistics, parking solutions, fleet reduction, partnerships, and equity and education programs

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns relative to micromobility parking spaces
- Desires for enhanced micromobility education programs and designated e-mobility lanes

The Transportation Planning Manager provided presentation entitled “Transportation, TransLink and Other Department Updates” that covered the City’s removal of baffle gates to improve accessibility of various pathways city-wide.

Staff requested that committee members report any remaining baffle gates to Engineering for removal.

6. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Updates

Committee Clerk provided the date, time and location for the upcoming Volunteer Recognition event

There was no discussion to this item.

7. 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:

- Desire to increase the visibility of Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee within City
- Desire for the creation of an Accessibility and Inclusion youth-focused group to support the development of the City’s Accessibility and Inclusion Plan
- Desire for continued growth of the Micromobility Program
- Collaboration between the School District 43 Accessibility Plan and the City’s Accessibility and Inclusion Plan
- Desire to retrofit bus stops for accessibility and to establish bus shelters outside of Civic buildings
- Recruitment for Advisory Committees and the Coquitlam Public Library Board Volunteers opened September 3rd, 2024 and will close September 24th, 2024 at noon.

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OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, November 5, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk