



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH
Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

July 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Present: Lee York (Acting Chair), Charlene Froom, Vanessa Pettinger, Tracey Poole, David Ryder, Katherine Beck (Panorama Recreation Centre), Jennifer Van Es (SHOAL Centre), Councillor Dibattista (District of North Saanich), Councillor Newton (District of Central Saanich), Councillor O’Keefe (Town of Sidney)

Absent: David Willows

Staff Present: Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Officer/Corporate Officer (District of Central Saanich); Corey Newcomb, Director of Community Planning (Town of Sidney); Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering (District of Central Saanich); Kyle Motiuk, Manager of Parks, Facilities, and Fleet (District of Central Saanich); Lyndsay Alexander, Deputy Clerk (District of North Saanich); Pamela Martin, Deputy Corporate Officer (District of Central Saanich); Meghan Lint; Legislative Assistant (District of North Saanich); Nareka Jacques, Corporate and Executive Services Assistant/Recording Secretary (District of Central Saanich)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people which includes WJOLELP (Tsartlip) and STÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda of the July 25, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the agenda of the July 25, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as amended by adding new item #8.1 - Accessibility Parking and EV Accessibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the May 23, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

During adoption of the minutes, it was noted that additional information had been shared with staff afterward the May 23, 2024 meeting, regarding wayfinding and accessible paths, and that it may be taken into consideration for that project.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the minutes of the May 23, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **COUNCIL REFERRALS**

6.1 Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant Application

The Central Saanich Corporate Officer and Manager of Parks, Facilities, and Fleet provided an introduction of the report of a possible accessible playground feature in Centennial Park.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Providing letters of support for the grant application.
- The inclusion of an accessible trail for the visually impaired.
- Options for repurposed rubberized surfaces with grants.

7. **COUNCIL UPDATES (including tracking sheet)**

The Central Saanich Councillor provided an update on the Parks and Trails Master Plan and advised that we welcome feedback future development applications.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Having suites that are built accessible in addition to being an adaptive suite.
- Gathering information from BC Housing on the demand for fully accessible suites to provide more data to developers.

The North Saanich Councillor provided an update on their Official Community Plan and advised of a community engagement opportunity where they heard the need for more accessible beaches, parks, and trails.

The Sidney Councillor and Director of Community Planning provided an update on the waterfront washroom project opening soon and a grant application they are working on for climate change and adaptation.

7.1 Tracking Sheet

For information.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1 Accessibility Parking and EV Accessibility

The Committee discussed the need for EV chargers to be accessible.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the municipalities identify and put in place standards for accessible public EV charging stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following design recommendations for accessible EV charging stations was provided:

<https://www.access-board.gov/tad/ev/>

MOVED AND SECONDED

That for community events there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.

Amendment:

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the motion be amended as follows:

In the development of an events checklist and guidance document as required by the municipality's accessibility plans, that for community events there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion as Amended:

In the development of an events checklist and guidance document as required by the municipality's accessibility plans, that for community events there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee discussed the grand opening of Phillip Brethour Park and the need for further updates and more accessibility.

9. PUBLIC FEEDBACK

9.1 Sidney - Public Feedback

For information.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Chair

Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate
Services/Corporate Officer

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