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Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, held May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm, 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT:

Committee Members: P. Danforth (Chair), J. Briante (EP), M. Essery (EP), L. Hube (EP), Z. Lundrie (EP), B. Manning-Jones, J. Parr (EP), G. Robinson, E. Syring (EP) (1:04 pm), R. Welland (1:21 pm), M. Little (GFNRC Liaison)

Staff: C. Neilson, Senior Manager, People, Safety and Culture; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; A. Ali, Manager, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; C. Whipp, Manager, Structures and Systems, Engineering Services; R. Cheney, Audio/Video Systems Analyst, Technology and Digital Transformation; S. Cole, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist; R. Ince, Outdoor Recreation Specialist, Regional Parks; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: T. Bolt (Vice Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Danforth provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by M. Essery SECONDED by M. Little ,
That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee
meeting of May 20, 2025 be approved with the following
amendment:**

- Item 7.1. before moved to be considered before Item 6.2.**

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED by J. Parr, SECONDED by M. Essery,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
meeting of March 18, 2025 be adopted with the following
amendments:**

- Chair's Remarks "May 25 to May 31" replace with "May 26 to June 1"**
- Discussion 5.1.2 Beach Access at Island View Beach Regional Park "boat launch repair and potential use for accessibility usage" replace with "boat launch repairs to improve accessibility"**

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Danforth spoke about the federal election, the national advocates for disabilities and the cabinet makeup presented by Prime Minister Carney. National Access Awareness Week begins on May 25th and with several activities happening around Victoria. CRD has posted information regarding National Access Awareness Week and its initiatives. Island View Beach Regional Park beach access and access mats to Ross Bay beach off Dallas Road.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. Auracast: Update & Functionality Testing

S. Cole and R. Cheney presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- device connectivity and availability**
- hearing aid compatibility**

7.1 Motion with Notice: CRD Parks Parking Policy (M. Essery)

M. Essery spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- financial implications and disincentives to requiring additional vehicle fees for accessible camping
- removal of barriers to foster and promote equity and inclusion of someone with disabilities to experience camping without limitations

MOVED by J. Parr, SECONDED by M. Essery,

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Parks waive parking fees for people with disabilities where they require an extra accessible vehicle, similar to BC Parks parking policy.

CARRIED

6.2. Mobility Aids in Bike Lanes

C. Neilson and P. Klassen presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- improving pedestrian spaces
- lack of sidewalk accessibility
- motor vehicle act definitions
- mobility devices and speed of such devices
- municipal actions and collaboration

6.3. CRD Headquarters – 6th Floor Washrooms Upgrade

C. Whipp presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- collaboration with organizations
- scooter versus wheelchair accommodation
- constraints of the physical building

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by M. Essery, SECONDED by B. Manning-Jones,
That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 20,
2025 be adjourned at 2:11 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Committee Clerk