



# Corporation of the Village of Cumberland

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## Accessibility Select Committee Minutes February 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm Council Chambers

Present: Michael Walton, Chair  
Jaye Mathieu  
Judy Norbury  
Cindy Patterson  
Laurel Rankin  
Councillor Sullivan

Staff & Guests: Adriana Proton, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Kevin McPhedran, Parks and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator  
Mike Williamson, Manager of Protective Services  
James Abrams, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Mr. Walton called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda  
**Patterson/Sullivan:** THAT the Committee approve the agenda of February 20, 2017, with the addition of the Rick Hansen Barrier Buster grant update under Updates, Appointment of new Vice Chair under New Business, and a discussion about the meeting location under New Business.  
**Carried**
2. Adoption of Minutes  
**Patterson/Norbury:** THAT the Committee adopt the minutes of November 21, 2016.  
**Carried**
3. Updates
  - (a) New committee members  
New committee members Jaye Mathieu and Laurel Rankin introduced themselves.
  - (b) Accessibility grant update, Village Office washroom  
The Village has received a grant to make one of the Village Office washrooms accessible. The work is scheduled to take place in 2017.

(c) Accessibility grant update, Museum  
The museum has applied for a grant that would improve the accessibility of the entrance, including the ramp and front door.

(d) Accessibility grant update, Rick Hansen Barrier Buster  
The Village is planning to apply for the Rick Hansen Barrier Buster grant for accessibility improvements to recreation facilities.

(e) Accessibility updates from committee members  
BiblioTaco now has a ramp, making the restaurant more accessible.

4. Village Park entrance preliminary design  
The Village has received a grant for landscape-related accessibility improvements to the Village Park. These will make the entrance of Village Park more accessible and will include more pathways. Parks and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Kevin McPhedran presented the preliminary design to the Committee. The work will likely take place in 2017 in the spring or fall. The Committee requested that the design align with Village Park recommendations in the Accessibility Review, and that the slope be minimized for any accessible parking spots.

5. Accessibility referral from the Manager of Protective Services:  
THAT the Accessibility Committee provide feedback to the Manager of Protective Services on best practices and possible alternate solid waste collection options for mobility-challenged residents who have a hard time putting their solid waste out in time to meet current regulations.

The Committee discussed options, including:

- Bear-proof garbage cans, which cannot be stored at the curb, but could be stored outside, unlike regular cans. Bear-proof receptacles can be expensive, but it is possible that there could be grant funding to purchase or subsidize cans.
- Village staff putting cans out for those who are unable to do so
- An application for accommodations, with a requirement that there are no other able-bodied persons aged 12 or over living at the residence, and that applicants show proof of disability.

The Committee requested more information about whether the Village's solid waste contractor would be able to participate in accommodations for mobility-challenged residents, and what the cost would be.

**Patterson/Sullivan:** THAT the Committee recommend to the Manager of Protective Services that the Village create an application for accommodation based on disability for solid waste, recycling and organics collection.

**Carried**

The Manager of Protective Services/Fire Chief is able to assist mobility-challenged residents with some fire safety planning, including:

- Making a fire safety plan so that the fire department knows where to look for a mobility-challenged person in case of a fire
- Replacing batteries in smoke detectors
- Smoke detectors with remote controlled hush function

6. Correspondence from SPARC BC re: event dates

Staff will speak with SPARC BC to arrange an event with Sam Bradd and SPARC BC, ideally coinciding with the May 15 Accessibility Committee meeting.

7. 2017 Planning

(a) Draft work plan

**Rankin/Sullivan:** THAT the Committee approve the draft 2017 workplan and submit it to Council at its next regular meeting.

**Carried**

(b) Accessibility road map

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the Accessibility road map and determined to discuss it in more detail at the next meeting.

(c) Budget requests

The Committee discussed the budget for public outreach to businesses, which will require a minimum of \$500

**Sullivan/Mathieu:** THAT the Committee request a \$500 budget to hold an Accessibility Awareness event in June 2017.

**Carried**

8. New business

(a) Appointment of new Vice Chair

**Rankin/Patterson:** THAT the Committee appoint Judy Norbury as Vice Chair.

**Carried**

(b) Meeting location

The Committee discussed whether to make a recommendation to Council to move the meeting location.

9. Next meeting: March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

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Deputy Corporate Officer