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Accessibility Select Committee Minutes
May 20, 2021 at 10:30 am
By Video Conferencing

Members Present:

Judy Norbury, chair
Brenda Lenahan
Jaye Mathieu
Rhianna Walz
Vickey Brown, Councillor

Staff:

Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Tyler Farley, Parks, Trails and Lands Supervisor
Kaelin Chambers, Economic Development Officer

Regrets: Trond Halle

Ms. Norbury called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Brown/Mathieu: Approve agenda with moving 4.3 to the beginning of the meeting.
Carried.

4. New Business

4.3 Village Core Bench and Picnic Table placement

The proposed locations of temporary picnic table locations in the Historic Village Commercial Core was presented. Committee members gave the following feedback:

- All picnic tables should be accessible models
- Accessible picnic table design should be at the appropriate lower height for a wheelchair user
- The demand for accessible and universal tables will inform supply chain
- Exploration on they design used at the Royston trail with a centre pedestal
- Ensuring adequate clearance for turning radius

Discussion also took place on appropriate ground surfaces, including exposed aggregate concrete, CORE technology

4.1 Cumberland Business Association, Accessibility for Business – plans to present to the CBA, presentation topics

Ms. Brodsgaard attended representing the Cumberland Business Association (CBA) and expressed willingness to partner and advocate for spaces for all people to sit and placemake, and to take information to the CBA to improvement awareness, educate and support each other.

Discussion took place on a presentation to the CBA members to provide a basic level of awareness to improve the accessibility and inclusion lens. The Guide to Inclusion and Accessibility for Business could be shared in the CBA newsletter followed up with a presentation from Committee volunteers and business visits.

Discussion took place on website resources to identify accessible businesses and public spaces. Staff will explore funding options for a project. Further discussion on the primary goal of education with the CBA.

Ms. Mathieu volunteers to draft a cover letter introducing the Accessibility Guide to include in the CBA newsletter.

2. Adoption of Minutes: January 21, 2021

3. Unfinished Business

- Sidewalk letdowns: Discussion took place on Cumberland Road and Maryport Avenue sidewalk transition difficult, and the need for the Village team to use accessibility lens and make contractors accountable. It was noted that often standards don't meet the needs of people.

4. New Business

4.2 Siting of two benches on South Wellington Colliery Trail

Members discussed the proposed location of two new benches on the South Wellington Colliery Trail – one near the foot of Fourth Street and one at the pond area west of Second Street. It was noted that two new benches have been placed on the trail in Coal Creek Historic Park between Chinatown and No. 1 Japanese town.

Members recommended:

- Ensuring accessibility around benches, that the ground is level, and space beside the bench for a wheelchair so two people could sit together

5. Reports from committee members

- Inclusion within terms of reference: Councillor Brown will make the request to Council. The example of the City of Nanaimo committee was suggested for best practices. The benefit of UNESCO and coalition of inclusive municipalities was discussed.
- Village hiring standards and a policy on inclusion and accessibility was discussed.

6. Upcoming meetings:

- July 19 at 3 p.m.
- Upcoming agenda items: sidewalk design standards

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.