



Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee - Minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:00 PM
Prestige Hotel Prince Rupert (118 6 St, Prince Rupert BC)

Chair V. Stewart, City of Prince Rupert

Members: V. Wiley
A. Falvo
E Landrath
S. Small
G. Barthe
E. Skelton
V. Fraser

Regrets: K. Millar
M. Taylor, Prince Rupert Library

Staff: J. Zelwietro, Prince Rupert Library
H. Tsang, North Coast Regional District

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1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. *The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee acknowledges the traditional territory of the Ts'msyen on which this meeting takes place.*

1.2. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA
(ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)**

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the July 18, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda as presented.

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3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of Minutes

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the June 19, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee minutes as presented.

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4. WORKSHOP ON ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

4.1. Workshop on Accessibility Plan

The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee reviewed existing actions and additions relating to defining accessibility and the Delivery of Services as follows:

- V. Stewart reviewed the list of terms that define accessibility that the Committee came up with at their last meeting and asked the Committee for further comments. The Committee added the following: ease of access for all, barriers don't limit quality of life, and options to be spontaneous.
- V. Stewart reviewed priorities relating to the "Delivery of Services". The Committee discussed:
 - Identifying different accessibility initiatives in the community and sending correspondence to support the initiatives;
 - Exploring portable amplification options and access to perform at the Lester Centre;
 - Creating an accessible washroom at the Seal Cove Salt Marsh;
 - Ensuring the library's Useful and Public Access Computers meet accessibility standards;
 - Examining the library's wheelchair accessible study area/desks, designated space for those with sensory issues/sensitivity, integration with

- Centre for Equitable Library Access programming;
- Exploring sensitivity training and education regarding physical and mental disability for those who deliver services;
 - Supporting awareness in local businesses/organizations that guide dogs are legally permitted on all premises (potentially in partnership with the Chamber); and
 - Developing an accessibility service/support directory to be made available online via City website, mobile application and the Tourism Visitor Info Centre.

5. DISCUSSION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITY

- 5.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the \$25,000 grant offered through SPARC BC and V. Stewart asked the Committee to identify ideas to improve accessibility that may currently be cost-prohibitive, and bring forward those ideas at the next Committee meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee adjourns the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee meeting held July 18, 2023, the time being 8:18 p.m.

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Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary