



Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee - Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 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 (via teleconference)
S. Small (via teleconference)
E. Skelton
V. Fraser (via teleconference)
E. Kivisild
G. Barthe

Regrets:

Staff: M. Taylor, 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 7:04 p.m.

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

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the September 12, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda.

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**Falvo/Taylor
CARRIED**

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of Minutes

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

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**Falvo/Barthe
CARRIED**

4. WORKSHOP ON ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

4.1. Workshop on Accessibility Plan

The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee reviewed existing actions and additions relating to Transportation as follows:

- V. Stewart reviewed priorities relating to “Transportation.” The Committee discussed:
 - Handidart services not currently available in Port Edward.
- V. Stewart reviewed priorities relating to “Employment.” The Committee discussed:
 - Exploring grants re: placement of people with disabilities;
 - Coordinating employment opportunities for people with disabilities (including occupational therapist assessments);
 - Encouraging or publicizing programming from accessibility-focused organizations;
 - Considering all types of disabilities i.e. vision, hearing, and gender;
 - Developing municipal policies and procedures to support accessibility, including a survey;
 - Promoting teletyping, braille, and interpreters;
 - Developing interpreter training in the region;
 - Exploring accessibility at NCRD facilities in Prince Rupert.

5. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the \$25,000 grant offered through SPARC BC:

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee apply for up to \$10,000 towards a water wheel chair at the Earl Mah Aquatic Centre, through the Northern Health Imagine Health Grant.

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- 5.2 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the following funding opportunities:

- Prince Rupert Port Authority Community Investment Fund; and
- Reaching out to local businesses.

The Committee also discussed:

- Creating a list of priorities for funding applications; and
- Having an Occupational Therapist examine the water wheel chair at the Earl Mah Aquatic Centre.

6. UPDATE ON CITY SIDEWALK AND ROAD CONDITION DATA COLLECTION + GRANT FOR COMPLETE COMMUNITIES PLANNING

6.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed an update on city sidewalk and road condition data collection and grants for complete communities planning:

- Exploring road safety funding;
- Identifying dangerous intersections; and
- Surveying project of Prince Rupert's sidewalks and road conditions.

7. UPDATES FROM SPECIAL OLYMPICS/OPPORTUNITY FOR INFO-SHARING

7.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed an inclusive non-competitive sport event in the spring, a 5 or 10k walk on May 18, with donations to special events (update from Anne Falvo):

- Participants will receive items donated by local businesses;
- Event will start at Kwinitza Railway Museum and end at either Bob's on the Rocks or the Seal Cove Salt Marsh, depending on the distance that people would like to walk; and
- Organizers are exploring transportation options.

- 7.2 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed that the RCMP have agreed to play the Special Olympics soccer team in an exhibition game on September 24th at Patullo field and everyone is invited to watch (update from Anne Falvo):
- Bocce may be the game, instead of soccer.
- 7.3 General suggestions re: fundraising - Suggest reaching out to the Prince Rupert RCMP to see if they would like to fundraise for an accessibility project; and
- Exploring developing a raffle prize draw for a fishing charter.

8. DIRECTION RE: FOLLOW UP WITH TRAIL RIDERS GROUP

- 8.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed reaching out to Kaien Coastal Riders and Northern Health, who will determine program availability and support for volunteer call out:
- Emailing Kaien Coastal Riders.

9. UPDATES ON NORTHERN BC TOURISM PHOTOSHOOT WITH TANNER WILEY AND SHARON SMALL

- 9.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed a Northern BC Tourism photoshoot (update from Val Wiley):
- The Committee will send correspondence to Northern BC Tourism to highlight that the experience was not optimal for participants.

10. REVIEW OF LIST OF LOCATIONS FOR POTENTIAL INDIVIDUAL ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENTS FROM SPINAL CORD BC

10.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee reviewed a list of locations for potential individual accessibility assessments from Spinal Cord BC for the following locations:

- Seal Cove Park;
- Mariners Park;
- Moose Tot Park;
- Millenium waterfront walkway/Rotary Park;
- Mckay Park;
- Rushbrook Trail; and
- Sunken Gardens.

The Committee will also follow-up with the District of Port Edward for their input.

The Committee will also explore advocacy for a wheel chair let down and new crosswalk at Seal Cove Park, near Yaga Café Garden Co. / Arabisk Mediterranean Cuisine.

11. Next Meeting

11.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the location of future meetings:

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.; and
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee adjourns the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee meeting held August 15, 2023, the time being 8:28 p.m.

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Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary