



Accessibility Committee – Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 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

Regrets: M. Taylor, Prince Rupert Library
G. Barthe

Staff: H. Tsang, North Coast Regional District

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1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

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

1.2. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the October 17, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda as amended to include:

- 6.1 - V. Wiley – new Child Development Centre in Prince Rupert for young adult physiotherapy.

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CARRIED**

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of Minutes

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the October 17, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee minutes as presented.

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CARRIED**

4. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH SUE NIELSON

- 4.1. V. Stewart provided an update on a meeting with Sue Nielsen and the application to the Northern Health Imagine Communities Grant for accessibility upgrades at the Earl Mah Aquatic Centre.

5. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- 5.1. V. Stewart provided an update on a meeting with the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce on an informational campaign, including a registry of accessible businesses.

The Committee requested staff to explore accessibility standards for businesses in British Columbia.

6. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1. Workshop on Accessibility Plan

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

- Including under “Delivery of Services”: advocacy for young adults to use new Child Development Centre in Prince Rupert for physiotherapy;
- Defining “intersectionality” within the Accessibility Plan;

- Including under “Delivery of Services”: advocacy for ceiling track, lift, and slings in hotels;
- Having the following stakeholders and organizations review the Accessibility Plan: Northern Health, Sue Nielson, Linda Hakita, businesses that offer physiotherapy/chiropractic/massage services, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, MP Taylor Bachrach, MLA Jennifer Rice, and HandyDART.

The Prince Rupert & Accessibility Committee will submit further comments to be included in the Accessibility Plan before Monday, November 13, 2023.

7. REVIEW OF LETTER TO NORTHERN BC TOURISM

- 7.1. The Committee directed staff to send a letter to Northern BC Tourism, copying Tourism Prince Rupert.

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8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 8.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the following additional items:
- Including under ‘Built Environment’, addressing the traction on City in-street gates (which covered former treed areas);
 - Exploring regulations around sidewalk let downs;
 - Considering handicap parking signs at the Seniors Centre;
 - Examining non slipping paint for crosswalks; and
 - Celebrating the successes of people with disabilities in the community and explore a party at Mariner’s Park.

9. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 9.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed the location of future meetings:
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1. Adjournment

That the Accessibility Committee adjourns the Accessibility Committee meeting held October 17, 2023, the time being 8:20 p.m.”

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CARRIED**

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary