



Accessibility Committee – Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 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
G. Barthe
E. Skelton
V. Fraser

Regrets: S. Small
E. Kivisild

Staff: H. Tsang, North Coast Regional District
M. Taylor, Prince Rupert Library

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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 7:12 p.m.

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

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the November 28, 2023 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda as amended to include:

- 8.1 - Including School District 52 and the District of Port Edward in the list of community stakeholder groups that will receive a draft version of the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee plan.

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**Barthe/Landrath
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 amended to remove G. Barthe from the list of members who attended the October 17, 2023 meeting.

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**Falvo/Taylor
CARRIED**

4. UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS

4.1. V. Stewart provided an update on a grant submission to Northern Health for a stainless steel lift and handheld showers for The Earl Mah Aquatic Centre.

4.2 That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee send a letter of support to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a City of Prince Rupert grant application for the upstairs washroom at the City of Prince Rupert's Recreation Complex.

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**Wiley/Barthe
CARRIED**

5. CURLING RINK UPDATE

- 5.1. A. Falvo provided an update on Prince Rupert Special Olympics using the Prince Rupert Curling Club facilities. She noted that there are issues with accessing the building and that the facility should have a ramp to improve accessibility.
- 5.2 That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee send a letter of support for Prince Rupert Gymnastics Association's grant application to improve their facility.

Falvo/Taylor

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6. WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES/TROLLEY

- 6.1. A. Falvo provided an update on Winterfest activities and discussed a trolley ride for Prince Rupert Special Olympics athletes and residents of Acropolis Manor to see Christmas lights and decorations around Prince Rupert.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

- 7.1. V. Stewart provided an update on an opportunity to develop a web page on the City of Prince Rupert's website that would outline information relating to the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee. She also noted that moving forward, quarterly updates will be sent to the governing bodies.

8. WORKSHOP ON ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

- 8.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee reviewed the draft plan and identified community stakeholder groups to share the draft plan for review.

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee send the draft Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee Draft Accessibility Plan to the following organizations:

- Northern Health;
- Thompson Community Services;
- Port Edward Historical Society (North Pacific Cannery);
- Prince Rupert Seniors Centre;
- Complete Streets;
- Disability Alliance BC;
- First Nations Health Authority;
- District of Port Edward;
- School District 52;
- Lions Club;
- Prince Rupert fire department;
- Prince Rupert Rotary Club;
- Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce;
- BC Emergency Services (Ambulance);
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- Hectate Strait Employment Development Society;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- Tourism Prince Rupert;
- Kaien Islands Trail Society;
- Prince Rupert Port Authority;
- Acropolis Manor;

- Prince Rupert Hospice Society;
- North Coast Transition Society;
- Prince Rupert Friendship House;
- North Coast Community Services;
- Coast Mountain College;
- Salvation Army;
- Royal Canadian Legion; and
- Moose Lodge.

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9. UPDATE ON LETTER PROVIDED TO NORTHERN BC TOURISM ON BEHALF OF ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

- 9.1. V. Stewart provided an update on a letter sent to Northern BC Tourism on behalf of the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 10.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed various opportunities that are suitable for Vision Zero grants.

11. NEXT MEETING

- 11.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and moving forward will aim to meet on the third Tuesdays of each month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1. Adjournment

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee adjourns the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee meeting held November 28, 2023, the time being 8:24 p.m.

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**Falvo/Taylor
CARRIED**

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary