



Accessibility Committee – Minutes
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:00 PM
Prestige Hotel Prince Rupert (118 6 St, Prince Rupert BC)

Chair: V. Stewart, City of Prince Rupert

Members: E. Skelton
G. Barthe
V. Wiley

Regrets: E. Kivisild
A. Falvo
K. Kowall

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 7:01 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 16, 2024 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda as presented.

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of Minutes

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the September 17, 2024 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee minutes as presented.

Deferred

4. PRESENTATION FROM NICOLE BEAUREGARD, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 4.1. Ms. Beauregard, Director of Recreation and Community Services provided an update on the City of Prince Rupert's Recreation and Community Services Department. Ms. Beauregard discussed a \$25,000 SPARC BC grant for accessible fitness. The Committee asked questions around accessible fitness, gym accessibility, and the Enhanced Mobility Project and Ms. Beauregard provided responses.

5. UPDATE ON DRAFT ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

5.1 V. Stewart provided an update on the draft Accessibility Plan and noted that organizations are reviewing the plan and that the City of Prince Rupert is planning to adopt the plan on Monday, October 28, 2024. V. Stewart discussed updates to the plan, including adding a feedback mechanism, a legend, and more photos. V. Stewart will invite past and present Committee members to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting where the draft Accessibility Plan will be presented.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 6.1 The Committee highlighted high driving speeds as a concern. V. Stewart noted that a public information campaign around driving at slow speeds is a possible solution.
- 6.2 V. Falvo noted that an accessible hotel room list will be helpful to those with accessibility needs. V. Stewart noted that there is communication with Tourism Prince Rupert and Accessible BC regarding this initiative.
- 6.3 A. Falvo noted that she will bring a timeline for curling rink upgrades to the Committee.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

7.1 The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The meeting will be held in a new location, to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Adjournment

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee adjourns the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee meeting held October 16, 2024, the time being 8:10 p.m.

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary