



**FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 17, 2022
Electronic and in Meeting Room G
Lower Level, City Hall**

PRESENT

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Ross Arbo*
Vivian Garcia*

Chair
Community Member
Person with Lived Experience with Navigating the
City's Transportation Realm with Physical or
Cognitive Barriers
Representative, New Westminster Business
Community
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member

Andrew Hull

Danielle Karlsson
Luana Pinto
Nelson Roy
Sonam Swarup*

REGRETS

Anne Belanger

Person with Lived Experience with Navigating the
City's Transportation Realm with Physical or
Cognitive Barriers
Representative, School District 40

Mathew Brito

GUESTS

Abbey-Jane McGrath
Brian Patterson

Urban Systems
Urban Systems

STAFF

Erika Mashig

Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design
and Construction
Manager, Civic Buildings and Properties
Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Committee Clerk

Tobi May
Eugene Wat
Katie Stobbart

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*Denotes electronic attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Johnstone opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem-speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS

Committee members and staff responded in turn to the question, “What is your favourite piece of City infrastructure?”

2.1 Committee Orientation

Katie Stobbart, Committee Clerk, provided a presentation entitled “Committee Orientation” which included the role of advisory committees, meeting conduct, and city policies that apply to committee members.

a. Oaths of Office

As part of the orientation, members recited their Oaths of Office.

b. Election of Alternate Chair

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Danielle Karlsson be appointed as the Alternate Chair for the 2022 term of the Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm meeting of February 17, 2022 be adopted with the following changes:

- Item 5.3 will be addressed before item 5.1;
- Question regarding the new pool will be added as item 8.1;
- Update to the audit of our parks and buildings for universal access on the website will be added as item 8.2; and
- The date will be corrected on the Minutes to be adopted to October 21, 2021.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of October 21, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Open Discussion with FIPRAC Leads

Erika Mashig, Tobi May, and Eugene Wat led a discussion on how staff communicates with the committee and the style of engagement.

- Focus areas and level of detail for projects / initiatives**
- How this group would like to engage (open discussion / specific questions / workshop style)**

In discussion of the above items, the Committee noted the following:

- Would like to go to project locations if possible to discuss the project on site; and
- Would like to take advantage of opportunities to add topics to the agenda, and have room for discussion.

5.2 2021 Workplan Status / 2022 Proposed Workplan

a. Facilities

Tobi May, Manager, Civic Buildings and Properties, provided an overview of the Facilities workplan and projects underway. The Committee had the following comments:

- When doing the childcare centre, consider implementing an accessible kitchen;
- When revamping facilities and looking at EV chargers, potentially look at the wiring for mobility devices and technology (e.g. phones and tablets); and
- The City uses an EV charger and parking meters that require their own app and should instead use something more universal.

b. Infrastructure

Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, provided an overview of the Infrastructure workplan and projects underway.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Wat advised:

- The current plan for the Quayside esplanade is to replace like for like and use wood. The City is currently doing an assessment on the structure, which can last perpetually provided we continue to repair and replace components; and
- If a development is large enough, it would need to provide a separated storm system, as we require new developments to separate everything on the private side.

c. Public Realm

Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction, provided an overview of the Public Realm workplan and projects underway. There were no questions or comments from the Committee.

5.3 Uptown Streetscape

Procedural Note: Item 5.3 was addressed before Item 5.1. The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

Brian Patterson, Urban Systems, provided a presentation entitled “Uptown Active Transportation Improvements” including the recommended designs for the Rotary Crosstown Greenway Upgrade and the New Westminster Secondary School Cycling Connector.

Abbey-Jane McGrath, Urban Systems, asked for an indication of level of support for the designs from each Committee member. Support was generally high, with some neutral feedback.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. McGrath advised that about 150 people turned out to the Royal City Centre for consultation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no items.

7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 New Pool Functionality for Hyack Swim Club

Andrew Hull, Representative, New Westminster Business Community, asked staff to confirm whether a representative from the Hyack Swim Club has been provided with an opportunity to comment on the functionality of the pool for swim competition.

Tobi May, Manager, Civic Buildings and Properties, advised that the TACC New Westminster project manager, Senior Manager of Recreation Services, and the Aquatics manager have set up meetings with the Hyack Swim Club to discuss the pool, future program space and allocation, fees, marketing opportunities, etc. Some of the particulars raised by Mr. Hull have already been factored into the pool design.

8.2 Universal Access Audit of Parks and Buildings

Vivian Garcia, Person with Lived Experience with Navigating the City's Transportation Realm with Physical or Cognitive Barriers, requested that staff provide an update to the audit of New Westminster parks and buildings for universal access, to be added to the website.

Staff will provide an update at the next meeting of the committee.

9. END OF MEETING

On MOTION, the meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The remaining scheduled meetings for 2022, which take place at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- April 21
- June 16
- November 17

Certified Correct,

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

Katie Stobbart
Committee Clerk