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May 13, 2024 - Regular Council
Item 4 - Q&A Period

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Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:28:59 PM

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Subject: RE: Q&A - May 13

Hello,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your comments on behalf of the Equal Access Collective, which have now been shared with Council.

As there are no questions posed in your email, I am addressing only the comments related to the mentioned support from the Recreation Manager.

The statement that the Recreation Manager and/or staff has extended support for your event is not accurate. Staff had asked that you fill out an event application form that must conform to existing event policies, including liability insurance. Even if the event is approved to proceed, it does not imply support or non-support by staff - it simply puts protocols and guidelines in place for a safe environment for the public as well as event participants.

As of this morning, an incomplete application has been received and no event has been approved to date.

Best,
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Hi Janessa,

I'm emailing this comment on behalf of K. Eggar and M. Smithies (copied) who will be attending the meeting and may arrive late and therefore submitting this by email.

After reviewing the recommendations for the Pier accessibility improvement, option one stands out as the recommended course of action.

As a member of Equal Access Collective, a local advocacy group dedicated to promoting equal access in public spaces, we firmly believe in the right of all individuals to participate in society equally.

Our current advocacy has conveyed to the City of White Rock, the urgent need to make the pier an accessible and inclusive space.

We have planned an upcoming event called ACCESS THE PIER on May 29th, which coincides with National AccessAbility Week. Here, we will discuss and provide firsthand experience regarding the challenges faced due to inaccessibility. This will include demonstrations using spare wheelchairs, allowing individuals to personally navigate the pier in order to provide a tangible experience and understanding of the existing physical barriers.

This event will not only shed light on the urgent need for accessibility improvements to the pier but also serve as a catalyst for inclusion in the White Rock community.

During the most recent White Rock Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting in April, the committee unanimously recommended that either of the mats be selected and that the city fund the project. In addition, the committee discussed our event and chose to support the initiative.

Furthermore, the Recreation Manager of the City of White Rock has extended support for our event, pledging to promote our poster on the city's website and social media platforms.

Given the significance of this matter and the city's unequivocal backing, it would be contradictory to consider any alternative option.