



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 22, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Gallery Room, White Rock Community Centre Council Chambers
15154 Russell Ave, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

PRESENT: Alex Michaels, Community Member
Colleen Turnley, Community Member
Darcy Villeneuve, Community Member
Jasvinder Dhesi, Community Member
Kelly Douglas, Community Member
Leanne Utendale, Community Member
Marissa Hadland, Community Member

COUNCIL: Councillor Bill Lawrence, Chairperson (non-voting)

STAFF: Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number 2025-AAC-005: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the April 22, 2025 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2025-AAC-006: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided an overview of the City's Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Master Plan (ITIMP), which was endorsed by Council in 2022 to optimize White Rock's transportation network and guide improvements over the coming years. He highlighted several projects/improvements from the plan that have already been completed, as well as others planned for the near future.

A roundtable discussion followed, during which time concerns were raised around the need for increased transit services in White Rock, particularly for routes to and from the waterfront area. Suggestions were also made to install informative signage at bus stops, encouraging consideration for passengers with mobility challenges.

The Chairperson shared recent updates from TransLink, noting that plans for increased bus services for the South Surrey and White Rock area are scheduled to be implemented in the near future.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to share available information regarding TransLink's plans for increased bus services in the South Surrey and White Rock community with Committee members for information.

Motion Number 2025-AAC-007: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse that a letter be sent from Mayor Knight to TransLink to request increased accessibility-focused service in White Rock, with an emphasis on routes to and from Marine Drive, and to request that informative signage be installed at bus stops to encourage consideration for passengers with mobility challenges.

Motion CARRIED

5. BNSF RAILWAY CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairperson provided an overview of upcoming railway crossing upgrades scheduled to be completed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway. He also noted that the City may consider undertaking additional accessibility improvements, should it be determined that the gap between the railway tracks and the sidewalk will continue to present challenges after the BNSF upgrades are implemented.

Staff have received concept drawings from BNSF that show very minimal gaps between the track and sidewalk with the new upgrades; however, they are still awaiting cost information for this project. Transport Canada will fund crossing upgrades to a minimum accessibility standard. If the BNSF upgrades go ahead as designed, and if they exceed this minimum standard, the City would need to cover the additional cost not funded by Transport Canada.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 REVIEW OF ACCESSIBILITY WEBPAGE FEEDBACK SUBMISSIONS

None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. INFORMATION

8.1 COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING

The Chairperson provided an update regarding the status of action items and recommendations from previous meetings.

The Director of Planning and Development Services advised that an info map displaying van-accessible parking stall locations throughout the City, as discussed during the previous meeting, will be completed and published on the City website soon.

9. **2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was previously approved by the Committee and was provided for information purposes:

- July 29, 2025; and,
- October 28, 2025.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers at White Rock Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

10. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 22, 2025 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 4:45 p.m.



Councillor Bill Lawrence, Chairperson

Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk