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Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, held on March 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm, 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT:

Committee Members: P. Danforth (Chair), T. Bolt (Vice Chair), J. Briante (EP), J. Coughlin, M. Essery (EP), M. Little (GC Liaison), J. Parr, P. Pokorny, G. Robinson, E. Syring, R. Welland

Staff: C. Neilson, Senior Manager, Human Resources & Corporate Safety; L. Brewster, Senior Manager, Panorama Recreation; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; A. Ali, Manager, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility, Human Resources & Corporate Safety; M. Alsdorf, Manager, SEAPARC Recreation; R. Fowles, Manager, Planning & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; D. Ovington, Manager, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation; H. Rodinger, Manager, Housing and Business Development, Regional Housing; R. Ince, Outdoor Recreation Specialist, Regional Parks; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: G. Goodwin

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Danforth provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by J. Coughlin, SECONDED by R. Welland,
That the agenda for the March 19, 2024 Accessibility Advisory
Committee meeting be approved.**

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by J. Parr, **SECONDED** by J. Coughlin,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting
of January 16, 2024 be adopted with the following amendment:

**7.2.1 “inclusion of tenants along side CRD Stakeholders,
employees and the public” with “CRD Stakeholders, tenants,
employees and the public”.**

CARRIED

4. Chairs Remarks

Chair Danforth spoke about the media coverage of the CRD’s budget and the anticipated allocations towards accessibility.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. Introductions

C. Neilson introduced Marie-Terese Little, Governance Committee Liaison and Alima Ali, Manager of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility to the Committee.

6.2. Department Presentations on Accessibility

6.2.1. CRD Regional Housing

D. Elliott, R. Fowles, and H. Rodinger presented Item 6.2.1. for information and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- BC Housing and CRHC service level agreements
- accessible housing wait times and priority system
- universal design standards and parking accessibility
- lived experience consultation

6.2.2. CRD Recreation (Panorama Recreation; Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation; Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation)

L. Brewster, M. Alsdorf, and D. Ovington presented Item 6.2.2 for information and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- arena accessibility for ice sledge users
- lived experience consultation
- weightroom accessibility and accessible equipment

6.3. AAC Support: CRD Regional Parks SPARC BC Local Community Accessibility Grant

C. Neilson and R. Ince spoke to Item 6.3.

**MOVED by M. Essery, SECONDED by T. Bolt,
That the CRD Accessibility Advisory Committee provide a letter of support, and that staff pursue application for the SPARC BC Local Community Accessibility Grant Program to secure funding to install accessible automatic door operators on four washrooms within Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park.**

CARRIED

6.4. Committee Feedback on CRD Accessibility Plan (Draft)

C. Neilson presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- functional and adaptable building accessibility
- lived experience consultation
- Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Assessment and Certification

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by J. Coughlin, SECONDED by R. Welland,
That the March 19, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting
be adjourned at 2:52 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Committee Clerk