



Accessibility Committee – Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:00 PM
Prestige Hotel Prince Rupert (118 6 St, Prince Rupert BC)

Chair: V. Stewart, City of Prince Rupert

Members: A. Falvo
E. Skelton
E. Kivisild

Regrets: V. Fraser
E Landrath
G. Barthe
V. Wiley

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 7:04 p.m.

- 1.3. V. Stewart provided an update on Committee membership, noting that Vikki Fraser has resigned from the Committee.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA
(ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)**

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the February 20, 2024 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee agenda as presented/amended.

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**Kivisild/Falvo
CARRIED**

**3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

3.1. Adoption of Minutes

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee resolves to adopt the January 16, 2024 Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee minutes as presented/amended.

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**Kivisild/Falvo
CARRIED**

4. UPDATE FROM THE DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD

- 4.1. V. Stewart provided an update on input from the District of Port Edward, submitted by former committee member, Vikki Fraser. V. Stewart reviewed the different services that the District of Port Edward provides and gave an overview of their existing infrastructure.

5. REVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- 5.1. V. Stewart reviewed the engagement strategy for the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee. The Committee will plan for in-person engagement sessions at the Prince Rupert Seniors Centre and the Prince Rupert Library. Community groups will be invited to each session.

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee Engagement Strategy be received for information.

Falvo/Kivisild

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6. OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

- 6.1. V. Stewart provided an update on the City of Prince Rupert's Complete Communities program. The City will provide engagement opportunities for its Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee on its Complete Communities program.

7. UPDATE ON NOTE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

- 7.1. V. Stewart provided an update on information sharing including feedback from the following organizations on the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Plan:

- Prince Rupert Gymnastics;
- Coast Mountain College;
- Better at Home Program;
- CB Education Services;
- Autism B.C.; and
- Royal Canadian Legion.

V. Stewart also provided an update on the Curling Club and will follow up with the Curling Club to offer support to apply for funding.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

8.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee discussed:

- E. Kivisild – it is important to have wheelchair accessible stages and audience seating; and
- E. Skelton – attended celebration of life for Sharon Small. Her family talked about how it was important for Sharon to have been a part of the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1. The Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee will meet on March 19, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1. Adjournment

That the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee adjourns the Prince Rupert & Area Accessibility Committee meeting held February 20, 2024, the time being 7:45 p.m.

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Chair

Secretary