

**ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

*\*Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair  
Councillor Steve Kim, Vice Chair  
Georgina Hackett, Citizen Representative  
Paul Jarvie, Citizen Representative\*  
Alex Kwan, Citizen Representative  
Heather Lawson, Citizen Representative  
Jen-Che (Arthur) Lee, Citizen Representative  
Lelainia Lloyd, Citizen Representative  
Ross Renaud, SHARE Family and Community Services\*  
Georgette Reyes, Citizen Representative  
Pete Stone, Community Ventures Society  
Sandra Uno, Citizen Representative  
Susan Williamson, Tri-Cities Seniors' Action Society

STAFF: Manisha Dutta, Senior Manager Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion  
Doron Fishman, Manager Park Planning and Design  
Jenalee Kluttz, Manager Environmental Sustainability  
Thomas Thivener, Manager Transportation Planning  
Tyler Kuny, Manager Transportation Infrastructure  
Adriana Reiher, Legislative Services Advisor  
Michael Teed, Park Planner 2  
Kate Brown, Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist  
Shanna Killen, Sustainability Programs Specialist  
Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****1. Minutes of the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

The Minutes of the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS****2. Town Centre Park Tennis Court Relocation (Presentation by Doron Fishman, Manager Park Planning and Design and Michael Teed, Park Planner 2)**

The Manager Park Planning and Design and the Park Planner 2 gave a presentation entitled “Town Centre Park Tennis Enhancement Concept Design” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to avoid any impact to the nearby dedication to Lafarge Canada plant manager Mel Earl, who persuaded the company to donate the land to the City to become a park.
- Clarification of the removal of the recycling depot, accessibility of alternative locations and services, and signage at the site to communicate the preceding.
- Desire for accessible parking spots that are wide enough for wheelchair ramps.
- Desire for shade canopies in the spectator area and gathering areas.
- Suggestion to consult with SportAbility BC regarding requirements for adaptive sports on the courts.
- Suggestion to install adult lift and change tables in future facility development in the park.
- Desire to see the Inspiration Garden and related programs reestablished in future phases of Town Centre Park changes.
- Desire to ensure lighting of parking lots and access paths.

The Manager Park Planning and Design and the Park Planner 2 left the meeting at this time and did not return. (7:17 p.m.).

**3. Climate Action Plan Update**

The Manager Environmental Sustainability and the Sustainability Programs Specialist gave a presentation entitled “Climate Action Plan” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for longer operating hours of cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces, particularly in the evenings when the need often continues.
- Suggestions to provide accessible transportation to cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces for vulnerable populations (ex. respiratory illness) including hosting them at nexuses of transportation modes or collaborating with community groups to provide ride shares.
- Suggestions for making cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces more safe and comfortable for vulnerable populations (ex. immune disorders) including seating, water, and food facilities for longer access and provision of masks or isolation rooms.
- Desire for supervision where teens attend cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces, particularly later in the day.
- Suggestions for improving awareness of cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces among vulnerable populations (ex. isolated seniors) including community partnerships, multilingual flyers, and advertising.
- Suggestion to make cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces more engaging by hosting and advertising events and activities.
- Consideration that park facilities that provide for cooling, such as splash parks, are primarily used by children and may not be comfortably accessible for adults.
- Suggestion to provide shade structures in parks without permanent seating to be more accessible for people who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids.
- Suggestion to support, incentivize, and coordinate the installation of heat pumps particularly for populations that are homebound and financially restricted.
- Suggestion to explore partnerships to provide personal heat protection equipment to vulnerable populations (ex. unhoused).
- Suggestions for effective messaging regarding climate action including using positivity, clarity, plain language, and visual storytelling; addressing affordability; and supporting community groups to develop unique narratives.
- Suggestions for effective methods for communication regarding climate action including social media platforms, local poster boards, SkyTrain digital boards, community events, and establishing early partnerships with community groups.
- Suggestions for key partners to support the City's climate action, including schools, the public library, medical facilities, churches, disability groups, culture and language groups, and businesses.

The Manager Environmental Sustainability and the Sustainability Programs Specialist left the meeting at this time and did not return. (8:00 p.m.).

#### **4. Accessibility and Inclusion Plan Development (Standing Agenda Item)**

The Senior Manager Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion provided updates on the Accessibility and Inclusion Plan noting that the draft Plan is targeted for presentation to Council-in-Committee in February 2026, after which it will be shared with the Committee along with details on the proposed next steps to finalize the Plan.

Discussion ensued relative to preferences for people-first or disability-first language to be used in the draft Plan, and the importance to defer to the preference of the person with which one is speaking.

#### **5. Transportation, TransLink and Other Transportation Division Updates (Standing Agenda Item)**

The Manager Transportation Planning gave a presentation entitled “Transportation Updates – Shared E-Micromobility Pilot Evaluation and Extension” and referred to slides found in the agenda package

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Suggestion to expand the shared e-micromobility program to the Austin Heights neighbourhood with initial service on major streets like Austin Avenue or Como Lake Road.
- Suggestion to collect more data about the effect of the shared e-micromobility program on shifting transportation behaviour away from private vehicles and toward sustainable modes.
- Suggestion to present safety data about shared e-micromobility from multiple sources such as Coquitlam RCMP and Fraser Health at a future meeting.
- Concerns amongst seniors with interactions between private e-scooters and pedestrians.
- Suggestion that Council advocate to the provincial government to introduce enhanced regulation of e-scooters, through the *Motor Vehicle Act* or otherwise before their popularity increases further.
- Appreciation of the installation of additional designated shared e-micromobility parking pads, which significantly reduces accessibility problems arising from parking on sidewalks, and a suggestion to use data from the provider about common parking locations for the development of further parking pads.

In response to committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- Additional areas for potential expansion of the e-micromobility program include the Burquitlam-Lougheed neighbourhood, where the land use density supports

the shared service business model, and Port Moody has requested a connection of the Glenaire and Burquitlam neighbourhoods.

- Use of transit in conjunction with shared e-micromobility is being promoted in partnership with TransLink by incorporating a micromobility parking station at the Coquitlam Central SkyTrain station, and surveys are underway to determine any resulting behavioural changes.

## **6. 2025 Year End Review / 2026 Work Plan Development**

The Senior Manager Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Accessibility and Inclusion Specialist gave a presentation entitled “2025 Year-End Review / 2026 Work Plan Development” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation of opportunities to review and give feedback on capital project plans and to tour active projects.
- Appreciation of the City’s universal design approach in capital planning.
- Appreciation of opportunities to review and give feedback on event plans, and to debrief on event experiences.
- Appreciation and importance of opportunities to review and give feedback on transportation programming, particularly given challenging geography in the City.
- Appreciation of the evolution of the Committee’s focus to reflect a diversity of lived-experiences and broader understanding of accessibility and inclusion.
- Appreciation of the significant progress that the City has made in incorporating feedback and undertaking events and programming, which has reduced demands on the Committee.
- Suggestion to include LGBT2SQ+ topics in the Committee’s Terms of Reference.
- Desire for alternative meeting types, including off-site or educational/training focused.
- Desire for staff presentations to the Committee to be more focused to the Committee mandate.
- Desire for more volunteer opportunities for Committee members.
- Suggestion to invite external groups as presenters to introduce new ideas.

## **7. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**

The Chair invited committee members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns about the lack of reflective lane indicators on some streets, which presents a visibility challenge during heavy rains.
- Appreciation of openness in the Committee and the City to hear and learn from disabled people, and make related quality of life improvements.
- Desire for more adaptive sports programming in Coquitlam.
- Suggestion to make use of Rick Hansen Foundation scenario cards to facilitate group education on disability.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – 2026**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair

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Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk