

Minutes Nov 22: Comox Valley Accessibility Committee - 12:15 pm, Lewis Centre

Present: Lydia N, John H, Emily W, Patti M, Mike Z, Heather C, Rick F

Regrets: Andrea F, Marg M, Karin K, Michael M

1. **Minutes** from previous meeting – moved, seconded, accepted.

2. **Agenda** – moved, seconded, accepted.

3. Old Business

- a. Ryan Rd pedestrian access letter: discussion; the City is in discussion with the MOTI; John will send his letter to all the various stakeholders including various City Council members, staff, MLA, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, and invite to a meeting of the CVAC.
- b. John will also follow up with his letter to the City of Courtenay about sidewalks which included 6 examples of work needing to be done.

4. New Business

- a. Guest: Rick Field re Courtenay Transportation Plan, City Council, Oct 30; discussion.
- b. Volunteer for Website & Twitter: discussion; Heather will discuss with James how we can help him be able to continue managing.
- c. International Day of Persons with Disabilities Dec 3: discussion; Emily will write a letter to newspaper.
- d. Other promotion: tabled until January.
- e. Christmas Volunteer Appreciation: discussion; date & format tba upon review of our finances.
- f. Christmas cards – discussion; cards will be signed at the December volunteer appreciation; please bring your suggestions with you as to a business or official that has gone above and beyond for accessibility.
- g. Meeting dates 2018: discussion, decided to continue as is, 3rd Wed of the month. Heather will ask Lisa to help design an 8 ½ x 11 notice to be posted online and shared.

5. Correspondence

- a. Courtenay accessible secondary suite rezoning – from website: request for support from an individual who has a request to Courtenay City Council for rezoning to allow a secondary suite which would be accessible; discussion. It was agreed the CVAC does not comment on rezoning issues; the members also agreed to concentrate at this time on Ryan Rd access; we will put the accessible secondary suite item on the agenda to discuss with the City and other local governments when we next deal specifically with affordable accessible housing; Heather will complete response to the correspondent.

6. Other News:

- a. Provide Feedback on End-of-Life Care in the Comox Valley: give feedback to VIHA on the importance of having a fully accessible hospice location, to include scooters. https://www.viha.ca/pal_eol/feedback.html
- b. BC Transit Open Houses and Survey - Public Engagement in the Comox Valley – **Dec 1 & 2:** The Comox Valley Regional District and BC Transit are exploring options to improve transit routes and connections that would start in September 2018 <https://bctransit.com/comox-valley/survey-outline> This survey is open until Dec 15.

7. **Next Meetings:** Dec - tba; Wed., Jan 17, 12:15 pm, Lewis Centre.