

Comox Valley Accessibility Committee Minutes for Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Present: John, Patti, Cheryl, Judy, Emily, New member Barb

Regrets: Heather, Andrea

Introductions

Review of minutes from last meeting

- Minutes Adopted

Review of Agenda

- Addition to agenda, discussion of meeting location, handidart issues, social media/website
- Agenda Adopted

Art Gallery Washrooms

- John has been consulting
- scooters cannot access
- spoke with city, no one consulted with accessibility committee
- more renovations need to be done to fix issue
- issue is being looked at and is on going
- Good educational opportunity for city and museum people.
- **ACTION:** John to continue consulting

Movie Theatre Renovations

- Cheryl investigated
- No structural changes were made so if people were able to access theatres prior to renovation, they will still be able to
- All theatres have wheelchair space as before
- New chairs are higher, easier to get in and out of, have electronic recline button so easy to use
- Isles are much larger, enough room for a person to pass in front of a reclined chair
- Emily showed us the Access 2 Entertainment card provided by the National Advisory Council for the Access 2 Entertainment, go to <https://access2card.ca/get-your-card/>
- Movie information found at <https://www.landmarkcinemas.com/showtimes/courtenay> where you can also join the mailing list and get new movie info emailed to you weekly

Parking on 4th

- issue unresolved
- Last meeting it was discussed that letters are to be written to the city regarding the parking issues on 4th and pedestrian safety, no one knew the status of these letters

- Discussion of parking issues, locations of spots, not well marked, more signage needed. Inventory of spots needed.
- **ACTION:** John to follow up with Heather to clarify, community health network may be involved. We need a representative. Emily willing depending on meeting times and days if Heather is not attending.

Future of Committee

- location of meetings discussed: library very busy, difficult to book. QF meeting room still best option. Look into meeting at city hall.
- Need to look at how to get recognized by city so we are consulted on issues.
- Need a meeting with a city rep.
- **ACTION:** John to do some asking around about city hall meeting space, staff support for meetings, who to contact. Cheryl to be the face of committee, work with John re: city hall and will do a presentation to city hall about our committee, showing our value to them. John and Cheryl to meet to discuss how to approach City Hall. Presentation to be created by all members.

ACTION for ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: please make a list of accessibility changes you've seen about town that makes life easier, improving accessibility. To be discussed at next meeting in order to prioritize and organize to put together the presentation for council.

Website/Social Media

- to be discussed in new year
- **ACTION:** Cheryl to take social media from James and will discuss *possibly* taking over website communications.

Member Mailing List

- need to compile our contacts
- **ACTION:** Judy and John to work on compiling a complete list

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, December 11,** 2018 at 12:00pm in the Conference Room, second floor of Quality Foods at Driftwood Mall

Future Meetings (all in the Quality Foods Conference Room)

- Tues. Jan 15, 2019 12:00pm
- Tues. Feb. 19, 2019 12:00pm