



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: July 20, 2022
Submitted by: Transportation Committee
Subject: Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit)

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Transportation Committee to review walkability and accessibility challenges and opportunities in the city.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated July 20, 2022 from the Transportation Committee regarding Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit) be received for information.

Background

At the July 20, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting, the Committee received presentations from the Transportation Engineer (**Attachment 1**) and Committee members (**Attachment 2**). After discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution:

TC22/020

THAT the Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit) presentation be received for information and the presenters thanked for their presentation;

AND THAT the Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit) presentation be forwarded to staff for incorporation into their work plans.

Discussion

The Transportation Engineer provided information about accessibility, noting that even though there may be an overlap between the concepts of walkability and accessibility, they are different, and design considerations should be in place to ensure accessibility is achieved. The Transportation Engineer also noted that bus stop accessibility is continuously improved through partnerships with TransLink and Coast Mountain Bus Company, where priorities are determined and several funding resources are used to make these improvements.

The Committee members' presentation reviewed sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps in the city that are in need of accessibility improvements, identified barriers preventing the mobility devices from safely navigating the sidewalks, and explored standards and ideas for accessibility needs.

The Committee discussed the importance of safety improvements for people with accessibility needs and suggested that these improvements should be prioritized and fast tracked irrespective of budget considerations.

Other Options

1. THAT the report dated July 20, 2022 from the Transportation Committee regarding Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit) be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated July 20, 2022 from the Transportation Committee regarding Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit) be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Supporting a review of the walkability and accessibility challenges and opportunities in the city aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objective of providing people with a variety of options to move through and around Port Moody safely and efficiently.

Attachment

1. Presentation, Staff, dated July 20, 2022.
2. Presentation, Committee Members, dated July 20, 2022.

Report Author

Esin Gozukara
Committee Coordinator

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Walking and Transit).docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Presentation, Staff, dated July 20, 2022.pdf - Attachment 2 - Presentation, Committee Members, dated July 20, 2022.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Sep 12, 2022

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Jennifer Mills, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer - Aug 19, 2022 - 10:05 AM

Jennifer Mills for Tracey Takahashi, Corporate Officer - Aug 31, 2022 - 9:39 AM

Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Aug 31, 2022 - 10:18 AM

Rosemary Lodge, Manager of Communication and Engagement - Aug 31, 2022 - 2:34 PM

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technologies - Sep 2, 2022 - 10:12 AM

Tim Savoie, City Manager - Sep 12, 2022 - 4:19 PM