



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### IDEA Committee

Brovold Room  
Monday, February 9, 2026  
at 7:01pm

Present: Councillor Samantha Agtarap, Chair  
Ashley Anderson  
Nadia Bronk  
Darquise Desnoyers  
Kate Jackson  
Craig MacLean  
Robin Matthews-Kanhai (arrived at 7:02pm)  
Nadia Olynyk  
Maribeth Pearson

Absent: Councillor A. Lubik, Vice-Chair  
Maria Daza  
Angeline Parker  
Carlos Alberto Salinas Ruiz

In Attendance: Riley Dowling – Legislative Services Coordinator  
Jeff Little – Manager of Operations  
Marta Taylor – Manager of Strategic Initiatives

#### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

#### 2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

#### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

##### 3.1 Agenda

###### IDEA26/003

*THAT the agenda of the February 9, 2026, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

##### 4.1 Minutes

###### IDEA26/004

*THAT the minutes of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee meeting held on January 12, 2026, be adopted.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

## 5. Unfinished Business

## 6. New Business

### 6.1 Sidewalk and Walkway Inspection Policy

Presentation: Manager of Operations

Robin Matthews-Kanhai joined the meeting at this point.

Staff provided a presentation titled "Sidewalk and Walkway Inspection Policy" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

In response to questions, the Committee provided feedback regarding sidewalk accessibility, including:

- vegetation such as bushes in Moody Centre encroaching on the sidewalk and resulting in inaccessibility;
- businesses along St. Johns Street placing tables, chairs, and sandwich boards on the sidewalk, sometimes resulting in inaccessibility;
- prioritizing the repair of curb ramps and tactile strips;
- prioritizing the repair of loco Road sidewalks;
- sidewalks that are not level with adjacent grades result in drop-offs and difficulty navigating or getting back onto the sidewalk for people who use mobility devices;
- using additional datasets to create a prioritization matrix could be beneficial in prioritizing improvements; an example given was identifying critical infrastructure versus recreational infrastructure;
- City policies should be connected to prevent issues from stacking up and preventing new infrastructure from quickly degrading; and
- when people see accessibility as a challenge, they change their routine to avoid it, which confounds some data and increases the value of using several datasets in the policy's research.

In response to questions, the Committee was informed:

- if a tactile strip is on City property, it is the City's responsibility to maintain;
- staff would investigate if there are plans to upgrade the final pedestrian island at the intersection of loco Road and Barnet Highway, as the other islands have been upgraded;
- one approach staff take to repair sidewalks is packaging several identified hazards together and contracting them to be fixed; this is typically focused on preventing level 2 hazards from becoming level 3 hazards;
- hazards may be a result of various things, including tree growth or sidewalk salting;
- older infrastructure is where tree-caused defects are mainly occurring, however, staff consider soil cells and other streetscape design aspects in the creation of new streetscapes to prevent future issues;

- in developer-led developments such as Suter Brook, tactile strips may not be installed;
- the current City policy's hazard levels reflect the standard of the time it was developed, which is outdated, and is one reason that the policy is being updated;
- comments and concerns regarding accessibility can be raised with the City, and a form can be submitted on the City's Accessibility Feedback page on the website; and
- staff aim to have the policy updated before the end of 2026.

## 6.2 Accessibility Plan

Presentation: Manager of Strategic Initiatives

The meeting was recessed for five minutes at 8:07pm and resumed at 8:12pm.

Staff gave a presentation titled "Accessibility Plan" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package. The Committee participated in a Mentimeter exercise and responded to the following questions:

- When thinking about accessibility and inclusion in the community, what words come to mind?
- How well do you think City currently supports accessibility and inclusion?
- Which areas of inclusion do you think need more attention in the community?
- What does an accessible and inclusive community look or feel like to you?
- What values should guide our Accessibility Plan?
- If our Accessibility Plan is successful, what will be different in the future?

In general discussion, the Committee provided the following feedback:

- the City has policies in place, but communication of their existence and enforcement is not strong;
- there is a lack of resources to execute all the items that are desired;
- there is consensus that the City is making steady progress;
- un-learning and de-centring is needed in order to create non-centred spaces; and
- there is a need to look at the topic from a broad perspective and to understand what the most marginalized parts of the community need.

It was noted that the next steps regarding the Accessibility Plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

**6.3 Walking Group Update – Proposed Structure**

Verbal Report: Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Legislative Services Coordinator

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**7. Information**

**7.1 Staff Updates**

There were no staff updates at this time.

**8. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.



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Councillor S. Agtarap, Chair



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R. Dowling, Legislative Services Coordinator