



City of Port Moody

Minutes

IDEA Committee Meeting

Electronic meeting via Zoom
Monday, March 9, 2026
at 7:04pm

Members Present: Councillor Samantha Agtarap, Chair
Ashley Anderson
Nadia Bronk (joined at 8:15pm)
Darquise Desnoyers
Kate Jackson
Craig MacLean
Robin Matthews-Kanhai
Nadia Olynyk
Angeline Parker
Maribeth Pearson

Members Absent: Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair
Carlos Alberto Salinas Ruiz
Maria Daza

Staff In Attendance: Riley Dowling – Legislative Services Coordinator
Malia Pawson – Inclusion Liaison
Marta Taylor – Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Sandy Tolentino – Project Manager

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

IDEA26/005

THAT the agenda of the March 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

IDEA26/006

THAT the minutes from the February 9, 2026, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee meeting be amended to rephrase the first portion of the fifth bullet point of item 6.1 to read "sidewalks that are not level with adjacent grades result in drop-offs".

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

IDEA26/007

THAT the minutes of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee meeting held on February 9, 2026, be adopted as amended.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 Facility Accessibility Updates

Presentation: Project Manager

Staff gave a presentation titled "Accessibility Improvements at Civic Buildings" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

In response to questions, the Committee was informed:

- the item was presented to the previous IDEA Committee, but is being presented again to provide an overview for new members and an update on new developments since 2025 for continuing members;
- accessibility improvements to civic facilities have been prioritized as short, medium, and long term, with improvements to comply with the BC Building Code included in the short term actions;
- staff applied for the SPARC BC grant (in time for the March 31, 2026 deadline) and was approved to use it for green running man exit signs and hearing loop installations;
- purchasing accessible mats for park events is in the purview of the Cultural Services division, and feedback of the desire would be forwarded to them;
- an application for the RBC Barrier Buster Grant was submitted on March 6, 2026, for up to \$40,000;
- the Inlet Theatre is investigating installing additional hearing technology and there are no current plans to make renovations to the physical space; and
- the City has the addition of a wider variety of chairs, including higher and wider, in the plan.

Committee discussion ensued regarding improving wayfinding to accessible parking stalls and potentially adding maps to the website.

6.2 Recreation Inclusion Services

Presentation: Recreation Leader

Staff gave a presentation titled "Inclusion & Support" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

In response to questions, the Committee was informed that inclusion support has typically been for children based on current enrolment, but support for adults could be accommodated as staff aim to include residents who need it.

Committee suggestions included:

- developing additional inclusive and accessible programming including wheelchair activities such as basketball, curling, zumba, yoga, and meditation;
- procuring and offering loaner wheelchairs so that friends and family can participate in programming;
- observing which groups are not participating, then considering why the seats are empty or under-represented and how to improve it;
- listing available accessibility supports on the City website, including sensory rooms, adult change tables, family supports, and accessible parking;
- introducing sensory friendly activities outside of school hours; and
- considering programs that complement the ones that neighboring jurisdictions offer, widening the total range in the area.

Nadia Bronk joined the meeting at this point.

The meeting was recessed at 8:18pm and reconvened at 8:23pm.

6.3 Walking Group Update – Proposed Structure

Verbal Report: Legislative Services Coordinator

Staff provided a verbal report regarding the composition of the Sidewalk Accessibility Working Group and asked for up to three members who would be interested in being involved in the working group.

IDEA26/008

THAT the following members be appointed as the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee representatives on the Sidewalk Accessibility Working Group:

- *Darquise Desnoyers;*
- *Nadia Olynyk; and*
- *Ashley Anderson.*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

In response to questions, the Committee was informed:

- staff would investigate signage requirements to indicate if a sidewalk is closed ahead, similarly to the signage for vehicle traffic; and
- staff would investigate requirements for the installation of a smooth transition piece between fences and the ground.

Committee members suggested that sidewalk accessibility updates be added to the City website so that people can plan trips based on current closures.

7. Information

7.1 Staff Updates

There were no staff updates at this time.

7.2 Chair Updates

There were no Chair updates.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.



Councillor S. Agtarap, Chair



R. Dowling, Legislative Services
Coordinator