

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES HELD IN THE CORPORATE BOARDROOM
ON FRIDAY, 2009 NOVEMBER 20 AT 9:30 A.M.**

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council information only.

PRESENT: T. Harding, Chair
M. Beesley, Seniors Outreach
K. Karpuk, School District #73
R. Vanderheide, BC Transit - handyDART
K. Bragg, People in Motion
J. Bolton, Kamloops Brain Injury Association
C. Fitzmaurice, City Liaison

REGRETS: Representatives from Kamloops Society for Community Living
D. Sage, Canadian Mental Health Association
P. Milobar, Mayor
S. Krawec, Mood Disorders Association
N. Bepple, Councillor (Alternate)

1. **AGENDA**

Moved by K. Karpuk, seconded by K. Bragg, that the agenda be accepted as presented with additions.

CARRIED.

2. **MINUTES**

Moved by M. Beesley, seconded by K. Karpuk, that the minutes of the 2009 September 25 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

WRECKERS Update

T. Harding reported that no progress has been made on the outstanding portion of the contract for the sensitivity and awareness training for staff working with and serving persons with disabilities. Currently, steps are being taken to consider cancelling the final portion of the contract with Canadian Barrier Free Design, as there is local expertise to develop and deliver this portion of the contract if need be. The Committee is awaiting word on the ability to proceed with cancelling.

Measuring Up

K. Bragg advised the most recent meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee was to clarify the role of the Committee itself. The decision was made that it is a separate entity and should be a Committee which is run by people with disabilities, and which has the ability to write letters on a provincial level of advocacy. The next step is to go to Ministry offices to discuss transportation issues. The group is looking for the allocation of increased funding to Kamloops for increased handyDART service by expanding the hours of operation with the understanding that everyone should have equal access to transportation service. The focus is "Fair Access to Transit for All". The Committee recognizes that these are not necessarily City issues but will continue to ask for City support.

2010 Goals

T. Harding commented that on leaving the last meeting he was flying high and thanked all members for their great input in identifying goals for this Committee. He looks forward to setting priorities for 2010.

- **Develop a plan to work with local retailers, providing them with information on how to make their businesses more accessible to persons with disabilities.**

K. Karpuk advised that a contract at TRU has many students in Business Administration looking for projects on marketing. This goal could be a great opportunity for this group of students.

Moved by K. Bragg, seconded by M. Beesley, that K. Karpuk approach the faculty of the Bachelor of Business Administration program and propose this goal as a possible project for these students.

CARRIED.

K. Karpuk will invite her TRU contact to a future meeting of the Mayors Advisory Committee.

- **Awareness regarding persons with disabilities could be promoted in schools. Discussed the possibility of this being done under a teacher led citizenship initiative starting in elementary schools.**

K. Bragg saw this goal as possibly fitting in as a Sub-Committee role under the Measuring Up Committee. K. Bragg volunteered to establish a communication link to this goal.

- **Work with the City to develop a fully accessible ballot (providing independent voting for all) for City, School Board, and Regional District elections and ensuring that the polling stations are also fully accessible.**

T. Harding advised he has a great connection with someone on the coast who has been through this process so volunteered to take this one on. R. Vanderheide volunteered to assist for the physical side of this goal.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities. The law banning handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle becomes effective 2010 January 1.

5. NEW BUSINESS

2009 December 3 is the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. There has been a request to submit a proclamation for this event. J. Bolton volunteered to present this proclamation at Council, with K. Bragg as alternate.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Beesley

- The Seniors Outreach Annual General Meeting has been postponed to 2010 January 6 at 12:00 p.m. at Desert Gardens.

K. Bragg

- As a fundraising event, People in Motion have partnered with CNIB and the Kamloops Sexual Assault Centre in the gift wrapping service at Aberdeen Mall for Christmas this year. People in Motion will be covering December 11 - 17 and the service will be located in the Calendar Store at the mall.

T. Harding

- Thanked C. Fitzmaurice for her outstanding performance as key liaison to the Committee and thanked all members for the great work done this year on behalf of people with disabilities in Kamloops. Your dedication and commitment make such a difference in the lives of the disabled. Definitely looking forward to working with all in 2010 and wished everyone happy holidays.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held 2010 January 15 at 10:30 am in the Corporate Boardroom at City Hall and will include a New Year's luncheon.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by K. Bragg, seconded by R. Vanderheide, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

T. Harding, Chair

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cc: Mayor and Council