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Regular Council Meeting
1989 March 06

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

HOUSING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN:

REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

RE: PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS

Recommendation:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

R E P O R T

The Housing Committee, at its meeting held 1989 February 14 received Item 18, Municipal Manager's Report No. 07, 1989 January 23 - Provision of Accommodation for Physically Disabled Persons which was REFERRED to the Committee as a result of Council adopting the following recommendations contained within the report:

1. THAT approval in principle be given to a draft guideline that would see staff, through the rezoning and preliminary plan approval processes, encourage developers to voluntarily include 5% of their units as adaptable to meet the needs of the disabled in private multiple family developments in Metrotown, and the Brentwood, Lougheed and Edmonds Town Centers.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Urban Design Institute, the Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, and Mr. Sam Sullivan, Project Manager, Paraplegic Foundation, for input and discussion.
3. THAT the draft guidelines be REFERRED to the Housing Committee for a detailed review in order to ensure that the guidelines are designed to be appropriate and workable in an economic and physical sense.

The Housing Committee sought assurance from staff that all appropriate agencies and groups involved with physically disabled persons would be provided an opportunity to review the draft guidelines. Staff advised the Committee the Premier's

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Advisory Council for the Disabled includes representation from many of those groups and is intended to be a representative body for the disabled. As a result of Council's direction, the Premier's Advisory Council would receive a copy of Item 18, Manager's Report No. 7, 1989 January 23. The Housing Committee therefore requested the list of those representatives forming the Premier's Advisory Council be provided to Council for information purposes and is therefore attached to this report as Appendix "1".

In the 1989 January 23 Manager's Report, staff further indicated they would also be distributing copies of the report to non profit housing agencies and groups representing or serving the disabled.

In summary, the Housing Committee wish to advise Council of its approval of the draft guidelines for provision of accommodation for physically disabled persons as detailed in Item 18, Municipal Manager's Report No. 7, 1989 January 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman F.G. Randall
Chairman

Alderman R.G. Begin
Member

Alderman L.A. Rankin
Member



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NEWS RELEASE

MINISTRY OF TOURISM
AND PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

Jan. 12, 1989

Advisory Council For The Disabled Announced

VANCOUVER - Premier Bill Vander Zalm and Provincial Secretary Bill Reid today announced the appointment of a 13-member, Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities to advise the provincial government on a wide range of matters related to the disabled.

Council Chairman is Paul Thiele, librarian and Head of the Crane Memorial Library and Resource Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the University of B.C.

Reid also announced at a reception that Rick Hansen has been appointed Honorary Council Chairman and Robert Sorenson, 24, of Victoria, has been named Youth Advisor to the Council. Hansen was not able to attend the reception.

The minister said that during the organizational process, which included public meetings held by a government Steering Committee in 11 communities, there was a clear message from the disabled community on the need for such a Council to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

"These Council members, representing as they do the various regions of the province as well as a range of disabilities, are well qualified to carry out that mandate and play a major leadership role in ensuring that those with disabilities are full and equal participants in B.C.'s community life," he said.

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APPENDIX "1"

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In May, 1987, at the end of Hansen's Man-In-Motion world tour, Vander Zalm announced the government's intention to form a special advisory council for persons with disabilities.

The Premier told those attending the reception that "the appointment of this Council delivers a clear message of the government's wholehearted commitment to improving the quality of life for the disabled in B.C.

"We are working to keep alive that spark of awareness and enthusiasm generated by Rick Hansen's wheelchair tour of the world."

The Council members are appointed by Cabinet for up to three years with the terms varied to ensure continuity. The group will meet on a regular basis with the first business meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-January, 1989.

The following are the appointed Council members:

- Chairman, Paul Thiele, Vancouver
- David Bull, Prince Rupert
- Glen Cave, Vernon
- Murray Charleson, Nanaimo
- Edmund Desjardins, North Vancouver
- Catherine Lafortune, Castlegar
- Paulette MacGillvray, Smithers
- Margo Massie, Port Moody
- John Morrison, Prince George
- Robin Faye O'Reilly, Dawson Creek
- Helen Marion (Dee) Rogers, Kelowna
- John Simpson, Coquitlam
- Walter Thomson, Brentwood Bay

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January 12, 1989

PREMIER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

(Length of term in brackets)

PAUL ERNEST THIELE, Chairman (3)

Paul Thiele is librarian and head of the Crane Memorial Library and Resource Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the University of British Columbia. He has written more than 70 publications, most of them dealing with ways of improving the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired. He has a lengthy record of affiliations with public and community services, professional as well as disabled organizations, and sits on numerous boards.

DAVID J. BULL, Region 6, North Coast (2)

Mr. Bull, of Prince Rupert, is a professional engineer with extensive community experience primarily as a School Board Trustee and as Chairman of the Mental Health Plan Advisory Committee--Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands. He believes strongly in the role self-help groups can play in both stimulating initiative and leadership within the disabled community and promoting over all goodwill and understanding.

GLEN CAVE, Region 3, Thompson/Okanagan (3)

After an injury in 1978 left him a quadriplegic, Mr. Cave, of Vernon, became involved in establishing the North Okanagan Handicapped Association (NOHA), a resource centre for the North Okanagan Region. He is currently a member of the Association's Board of Directors and has represented the organization on provincial and national coalitions working to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Mr. Cave is a founding member of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition and since 1982 has been President of the B.C. Disabled Persons Network.

MURRAY CHARLESON, member at large (1)

Although mentally handicapped, Mr. Charleson is a very active member of the community at Nanaimo, where he lives. He is well known for the hours he spends promoting the well-being of those with disabilities. Mr. Charleson sits on boards dealing with normalization, community living and citizen advocacy, and is currently vice-president on the board of British Columbians for the Mentally Handicapped.

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ED J. DESJARDINS, member at large (3)

Mr. Desjardins is well known in Vancouver for his work in rehabilitation. After being discharged in 1946 from Shaughnessy hospital, where he was treated for a Second World War spinal cord injury, he was employed in the rehabilitation division of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He subsequently became active in the development and operation of the G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre. He retired in 1980 but retained his interest in the needs of persons with disabilities and served as a consultant at the Centre. Mr. Desjardins has received numerous provincial and national awards, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, for his dedication to persons with disabilities.

RICK HANSEN, Honorary Chairman

Rick Hansen of Vancouver is known internationally following his Man-In-Motion wheelchair tour of the world which ended in Vancouver in May, 1987. He wheeled over 40,000 kilometres (24,901 miles) through 34 countries, heightening awareness of the abilities of the disabled and focussing attention on the barriers which prevent the disabled from reaching their full potential. He has been awarded the Companion Order of Canada and has just completed a year in Brisbane, Australia, representing Canada as Commissioner General at EXPO 88.

CATHERINE A. LAFORTUNE, Region 4, Kootenays (2)

Mrs. Lafortune, who lives in Castlegar, is a mother of four children, including a 16-year-old son with profound multiple handicaps. A qualified early childhood educator, she is Director of Hobbit Hill Children's Centre, a fully integrated day-care/preschool facility which currently serves 68 children. She is on a number of advisory committees and associations and has attended many courses and conferences on special education and various disabilities.

PAULETTE MACGILLIVRAY, Region 7, Nechako (3)

Mrs. MacGillivray, of Smithers, is severely hearing impaired and for that reason has a personal interest in the concerns of those with disabilities. She is Administrator of the Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre and has worked with special needs children. Previous experiences as a physiotherapist, psychiatric aide and occupational therapist have helped her in working with those in the disabled community. Her goal is to communicate the message that persons with disabilities do not wish to be treated differently but understood better.

MARGO MASSIE, Region 2, Mainland/Southwest (1)

In 1984, Ms. Massie was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. Since then, the disabled community has been an important part of her life. She has served as a volunteer in many areas, initially as a co-ordinator of volunteers for the B.C. Coalition of the Disabled. She is currently chairperson of the BCCD's Board of Directors. Ms. Massie, who lives in Port Moody, served as co-chairperson for the first National Access Awareness Week for British Columbia in 1988 and is the chairperson responsible for the 1989 program.

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JOHN MORRISON, Region 5, Cariboo (1)

John Morrison, who lives in Prince George, maintains an active life despite long-term physical handicaps, including visual impairment resulting from diabetes. He has always been actively involved in community services and continues to assist community self-help organizations. Mr. Morrison serves on a number of organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of life of disabled residents of the Prince George region and increasing public awareness of their situation.

ROBIN FAYE O'REILLY, Region 8, Peace River (1)

Mrs. O'Reilly, of Dawson Creek, has been involved with the hearing-impaired since the birth of her hearing-impaired daughter in 1971. She has studied and taught sign language and works in the school system as an aide in a program for the hearing-impaired. From 1980 to 1983, she served as a member of the Advisory Council to the provincial Minister of Education regarding the education of hearing-impaired students in B.C.

HELEN MARION (DEE) ROGERS, member at large (2)

Ms. Rogers is currently employed as a research trainee with the Apprenticeship and Employment Training Division of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training. She has completed a resource directory for persons with disabilities in the District of Kelowna, where she lives. Recently, Ms. Rogers obtained a Bachelor of Social Work through the University of Victoria distance education program.

JOHN SIMPSON, member at large (3)

Mr. Simpson, of Coquitlam, for more than 20 years has been involved with traumatically injured persons. He has served as a director on several boards, including that of the Canadian Paraplegic Association. He is a founding director of the B.C. Head Injury Association and is currently serving as President of the Head Injury Association of Canada. His particular focus and interest for the past 10 years has been with the traumatically brain-injured, attending, sponsoring and speaking at numerous seminars.

ROBERT SORENSEN, Youth Advisor

Mr. Sorensen of Victoria is president of Sorensen Computing Ltd. From Dec. 31, 1986 to Aug. 31, 1988, he served as Chairman of the B.C. Youth Advisory Council. On Dec. 10, 1987, he received the Premier's Award for Outstanding Service to Youth. That same year he was voted Rookie of the Year by the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association.

WALTER THOMSON, Region 1, Vancouver Island/Coast (2)

Mr. Thomson of Brentwood Bay, on southern Vancouver Island, for many years has been involved with agencies whose aims are to improve the quality of life of persons with physical disabilities. He has promoted the removal of barriers to accessibility and continues to develop a better awareness of services and assistance available from government and non-profit agencies. He helped establish the Vancouver Island Housing Association and physically disabled and has served on the Board of Directors of the Garth Homer Society for the Handicapped, a Victoria achievement centre for physically disabled and mildly retarded persons.

