

MOTION

5. City of Vancouver Accessibility Strategy

At the Regular Council meeting on May 1, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on May 2, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor

WHEREAS

1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Human Rights Act, and the British Columbia Human Rights Code recognize the rights of persons with disabilities to be free from discrimination and to participate fully in society;
2. According to the World Health Organization, 15% of the global population experience some form of disability;
3. The Province of British Columbia's Accessibility 2024 Action Plan set out a goal for British Columbia to be the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by 2024;
4. The City of Vancouver Healthy City Strategy focuses on advancing "initiatives that are both universal for all citizens and focused on specific populations most vulnerable to health inequities";
5. The City of Vancouver Transportation 2040 Plan aims to make streets accessible for all people, leading to increased equity by allowing all people to meet their daily needs and participate in public life;
6. The City of Vancouver currently does not have a comprehensive strategy to promote and implement measures to advance the rights of persons with disabilities;
7. Making the City of Vancouver more accessible benefits Persons with Disabilities, and other people, including seniors, individuals with temporary or permanent mobility issues and young families;
8. On April 5, 2018 the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee unanimously passed a motion named "Accessible City Strategy".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to work with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Seniors' Advisory Committee to review:

- i. A summary of the current policies and initiatives being pursued across City departments with respect to persons with disabilities, universal design and access; and
 - ii. Options to advance implementation of accessibility throughout the City, potentially including a Vancouver-specific accessibility commitment and strategy, while continuing to address key accessibility issues.
- B. THAT staff consult with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Seniors' Advisory Committee, and report back to Council by fall 2018 with recommendations on moving forward with an Accessibility Strategy, including a budget for implementation.

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