

MOTION

8. Accessible Washrooms and Elevators on Millennium Broadway Line Extension (Member's Motion B.5)

At the Council meeting on May 18, 2021, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on May 19, 2021, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

WHEREAS

1. The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) has communicated the need for TransLink to include, on opening day of the Millennium Broadway Line Extension, universally accessible gender-neutral public washrooms and paired elevators within all stations of the Millennium Line Broadway Extension, as outlined in the motions passed by PDAC on September 7, 2017, and January 23, 2020;
2. It is PDAC's understanding that many of the stations will have washrooms that can only be accessed upon request by the transit user to SkyTrain staff, and therefore the washrooms are not publicly available. This is an affront to the dignity of persons with disabilities and others, particularly those who need to access a toilet on a frequent and urgent basis due to health challenges and misses the opportunity to fulfill accessible goals put forward in TransLink's Access Transit Strategy, the current development of the Provincial Accessibility Act by the BC government and the City of Vancouver's commitment to the development of an Accessible City Strategy;
3. Only Broadway-City Hall and Arbutus Stations has space allotted for universally accessible washrooms and allow for future elevators to be added at the Oak-VGH station and the Arbutus station with only the Broadway-City Hall station would have paired elevators; and
4. On December 10, 2020, the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee approved the following motion: THAT the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee write a letter to Mayor Kennedy Stewart, identifying, as a priority, starting on opening day of the Millennium Broadway Line Extension, the inclusion of universally accessible public gender-neutral washrooms and paired sets of elevators within all six stations of the Millennium Broadway Extension.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests the Mayor to address with TransLink, through the Mayor's Council, serious accessibility concerns in the construction of the planned Millennium Line Broadway Extension, specifically the inclusion of universally accessible, public gender-neutral washrooms and paired elevators at each station.

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