

The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM A

MINUTES

Present: Brent Hillier (Chair)
Bradley Cuzen (Vice Chair)
Jonathan Arnold
Denis Beaulieu (RCMP)
Dana Bourgeois
Martin Davies
Anna Hardy
Councillor Jessica McIlroy
Ron Spence
Christian Zollner

Staff: Elicia Elliott, Manager, Transportation Planning
Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure
Hayley van Gelderen, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Absent: Maxwell Lai
Mateusz Debicki
Genevieve MacMillan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The agenda for January 24, 2023 was adopted. The minutes of June 15, 2022, and July 6, 2022, were approved as circulated.

Agenda item #5 was moved to #4 for discussion.

Elicia Elliott introduced herself to the committee as the Manager of Transportation Planning and explained her role on the committee as the interim staff liaison until the vacant Transportation Planner position is hired.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None.

3. END OF YEAR REVIEW SUMMARY

The Manager, Transportation Planning and the Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure presented an End of Year Review Summary and Winter 2023 Mobility Strategy Implementation Update.

Key points included:

- Mobility Strategy overview and the progress to date.
- Mobility Strategy priorities for 2023:
 - Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit and TransLink's 10-Year Priorities
 - Curbspace Management Framework
 - Reducing Neighbourhood Speed Limits
 - Micromobility Portfolio
 - Neighbourhood and Intersection Improvements
 - Network Improvements
 - Safe and Active School Travel Planning and Implementation
 - Mobility Requirements for Developments
 - Data Collection and Analysis
 - Completion of Esplanade Complete Street Project
 - Upper Levels Greenway Initiation
 - Casano-Loutet Overpass.
- St. Andrews Safety Improvement Project Update
 - Project background review and results
 - Community feedback – what we heard since implementation:
 - Significant feedback on this project, especially from a vocal contingent with some support typically from pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Feedback includes:
 - Confusion of various road users
 - Sightlines for pedestrians at intersections
 - Lack of short-term parking for commercial customers
 - Parking loss in southern half of the 700 block
 - Pedestrians and cyclists now feel more comfortable on-street
 - A better balance of space between users.
 - Engagement objectives
 - Going back to community to communicate and share information about how and why the improvements were made and help all modes understand how to successfully navigate the new street design
 - Apply design best practices based on data/user feedback.
 - Timeline:
 - Reengagement kick-off in February
 - Engagement wrap-up – March
 - Report back to Council – April.

Comments/Questions:

- As a local resident to the neighbourhood, commend the City for the St. Andrew's project design.
- Will there be signs allocated to areas specifically for food delivery business? **A:** This is one potential outcome of the curbside management work we may embark on this year.
- Social parameters around what is acceptable has changed over the last 10 years. Restrictive rules in place through enforcement is suggested for St. Andrew's to ensure new designs are being adhered to.
- Did you notice increase in speed in streets around St. Andrews? **A:** We did not observe increase in speed in neighbourhood streets, which are also 30km zones. We were anticipating increase in volume but did not observe this either.
- When can we expand this design approach to all schools in North Vancouver? **A:** The Safe and Active School Travel program prioritizes safe multimodal transportation, including walking routes to schools. The approach has been a 'quick build' process so we can make changes across a greater number of schools. Our focus over the next couple of years is bringing the same quality of experience to all school areas. Sidewalk improvements were recently made around Queen Mary Elementary School. Next is filling in gaps in the network where there are currently no sidewalks around Carson and Sutherland schools.
- Through the pandemic, we have learned to adapt and do things quickly. Projects moving forward should be processed more slowly so people have time to understand and adapt.
- Culture shift toward transportation still not there in North Vancouver. Our roads are still busy and in the darker months, it is hard to be seen. Change in design can upset people but sometimes it needs to happen.

4. ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET

The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet prior to the meeting.

Comments/Questions:

- Can we get a preview of the Casano-Loutet Overpass design? **Action:** Committee Clerk to distribute photos to committee off of the project website.
- Bicycle hot buttons needed at the St. Andrew's and 13th Street intersection.
- How do you put in a request for a traffic light review? **A:** The request goes through our traffic engineering group and staff will investigate. There is strict engineering guidance for each intersection.
- Crossing has become a lot safer since pedestrian lights were installed on the intersections of Moody and Ridgeway Avenues and Keith Road.
- Any change in direction from the new Council or change in direction of the new staff that might change the Mobility Strategy initiatives? What will Council be focused on? **A:** Not expecting any dramatic shift in things as majority of councillors are trying to finish the work they started. Councillors play an advocating role to TransLink and Province to get support and funding for our mobility projects.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor McIlroy provided an update to the committee.

Key points included:

- Council Strategic planning begins next month.
- Climate resiliency, mobility and connectivity, and wellbeing will be our main focus over the next 4 years.

6. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- None.

7. ROUND TABLE

- Electric vehicle batteries are bad for the environment, has there been discussion at the City around providing infrastructure for the use of hydrogen vehicles? **A:** There is a hydrogen strategy produced by provincial and federal levels of government.
- Brent Hillier and Bradley Cuzen shared with the committee that their full term ends on January 31st and said their goodbyes.

8. ADJOURN

Council committee appointments will take place at the February 13th Council Meeting. The next ITC meeting is scheduled for March 1st.

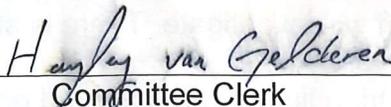
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Chair Signature

Mar 15, 2023

Date



Committee Clerk

March 8, 2023

Date