

City of North Vancouver

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

City Hall, Conference Room "A"
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 6:00pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Eugenio Berti
Heather Drugge
Ian Williams
Melina Scholefield (chair)
Robert Glover

Staff: Adrienne Mairs, Consultant
Alex Kurnicki, Streetscape Planner
Clare Husk, Committee Clerk
Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Dragana Mitic, Assistant City Engineer – Transportation

Apologies: Cpl Marlene Morton
Craig Keating
Kathleen Callow
Marcus Siu
Raj Janjua
Scott Robarts

Quorum 4

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES FROM JUNE

The meeting was called to order by Melina Scholefield at 6.09pm, without quorum

Adoption of the minutes was deferred until October due to the technical difficulties experienced by members in receiving their electronic agenda packages.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

3.0 FORBES ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Kurnicki, Streetscape Planner, City of North Vancouver, explained that the project has been presented at Public Open Houses and approved by Council.

Discussed overall plan, with reference to annotated aerial maps.

Project seeks to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, mitigate traffic noise and speeding, and improve transit (with the already installed additional bus stops).

Aim is to commence construction in 2013 in Forbes and 2014 for 3rd street.

Staff applying a grant and are seeking support from the Integrated Transportation Committee.

Committee consensus was for support of the project. The Chair offered to write a letter of support and highlighted the items it would include.

Mr. Kurnicki left the meeting at 6.35pm

4.0 DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Tegan Smith, Transportation Planner, District of North Vancouver presented to the committee on the following:

1. Transportation Plan
2. Transportation Improvements Seylynn
3. Upcoming Transportation improvements in lower Capilano area

Transportation Plan

Plan was approved in July, the previous Plan was from 1990 and was not a multimodal plan.

District of North Vancouver OCP approved in 2011 with growth plan in four centres: Marine/Capilano, Lynn Valley, Lower Lynn and Maplewood.

The Plan identified short and long term projects.

Land use– overall people wanted to live in a community where they can walk to school, and safe community. Improvements to cycling facilities were lower on the list.

Improvements mainly in the four centres, driving, transit active transportation, road safety, improvements for walking cycling to schools.

- Walking, more investment in sidewalks: Need to improve walkability such as raised crosswalks and curb extensions, with street furniture and public art. Working with parks on multiuse pathways and park trail network and making improvements around schools.
- Cycling projects to improve connectivity of cycling network: Off street routes e.g. Spirit Trail, improving transit integration – e.g. enhanced bike racks, improved connectivity e.g. west 15th route to the City, end of trip facilities.
- Transit: Biggest change is the land use. Concentrating growth along frequent transit network. TransLink intends improvement to Phibbs Exchange.
- Driving plan has investments in road safety, working with partners on enforcement. Road network for all road users (including cyclists) giving priority to buses (moving more people), supporting goods movement, and charging stations for electrical vehicles.

Responses to Committee Questions

Sidewalks: will be reallocating. Development applications would consider narrowing the street to include sidewalks.

Land use solutions about Phibbs Exchange area: in OCP Phibbs was already approved to be a frequent transit area. TransLink are looking at the potential to develop land on the site, and investing in improvements to the site. District of North Vancouver looking at development on Oxford Street. With the proximity to people and jobs it is desirable to keep it where it is.

Tegan noted that the District has a transportation committee (meets four times a year). Suggested the Chairs discuss having a joint meeting when a topic/project impacts both municipalities.

Need for a transit depot on the north shore: TransLink had a meeting about transit depot needs on the north shore. District Lands department proactively looking for a site. (Ms. Mitic noted this topic coming to City Council this month).

District mode share targets are to be 35% by 2030 on walking transit and cycling. Currently 21%.

Seylynn Village Project.

Proposal for a four high rises in the Fern Street area, between Hwy 1 and Mountain Highway. About 5.5 acres. It is an opportunity for improved east/west connectivity, and to improve the walkability in the area.

Lower Capilano Marine Village Centre

Proposal to create a vibrant mixed use village heart, with transit improvements and improved park space and public realm.

New local road parallel to Capilano Road on the west, local retail street, new community centre.

Link to maps and conceptual plans for the four centres are at <http://identity.dnv.org/>

5.0 RESIDENTIAL PARKING POLICY UPDATE OPTIONS

Adrienne Mairs, Transportation Consultant

Ms. Mitic introduced the topic. After this committee will go to Open House. Will come back in November to seek endorsement from ITC before going to Council.

- Overall Resident Exempt Parking well used, appropriately (50% used) Central Lonsdale highest usage (near the Hospital and Lonsdale Avenue).
- Out of 37 blocks that want Resident Exempt Parking 13 have high occupancy
- Cannot find a way to link on/off street parking occupancy

1st Open House feedback

- What do you like about the policy? #1= Was time limited parking, visitors could find parking on the block. #2= could find parking near the block
- What do not like? #1= fee too high #2= visitor pass non-transferable.
- What would you like to see? #1= transferrable pass. #2= add permit only parking

Policy Revision – Overall Strategy

- A. No change
- B. Resident Permit Only (RPO) parking (where a resident may purchase a permit to park in a section of their block that is reserved exclusively for the use of residents of that block.)
- C. Add RPO as part of Resident Exempt Parking zone

B&C link best with Transportation Plan and TDM strategy

Policy Revision – Visitor Permit

- A: keep existing permit – one per household non transferable
- B: transferrable, but higher cost (>>\$50pa)

Policy Revision Fees Options

- Keep Existing Fee at \$25pa
- Increase permit fee to match operating cost
- Reduced or \$0 permit fee

Metered parking potential

Introduce metered parking on hospital frontage, e.g. north side of 200 Block E13th and 1300/1400 St. Andrew's West side? Has been done at other hospitals in Metro Vancouver.

In response to suggestions from Committee

Differentiation between single unit homes and multifamily was not tackled as part of the policy revision. Mix and match solution is dependent on the block.

Currently only have pay parking as part of the pier development.

City is working with the Hospital and the group that operates the parkade (not the hospital). to address concerns about staff not utilising the hospital parkade.

Some of the Resident Exempt Parking parking zones will be revisited.

Comments from the Committee

- One committee member lives in a block with a mix of RE and RPO parking – is working well.
- People will not use a parkade when there is a massive supply of free parking within a few blocks.
- The idea with TDM is to constrain at the destination, not the supply. Should not be trying to constrain the residents, but the workers/visitors to the destination.
- Visitors pass being non transferrable to deter abuse, could this be adjusted so as not penalise those that need caregivers.
- Meters should be looked at for the Lonsdale corridor

Ms. Mairs left the meeting at 8:20pm

6.0 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - UPDATE

Accessible Bus stops

City now at 80.2%, the highest in the region. Bowen island is higher, but has only one stop.

Esplanade Bike Route

Proceeding with construction of last section of east west bike lane on Esplanade between Chesterfield and Lonsdale on south side.

Lower Lonsdale West Traffic Calming

Will be moving ahead with installation of traffic calming.

Car Sharing & Resident Exempt

Car Sharing company, Car2Go, wanted zones on the street for cars to be dropped off. Council approved a proposal to investigate the developing a bylaw amendment for car sharing companies to receive Resident Exempt Parking permit privileges.

The Committee noted they would like to have staff meet with them on this topic.

Action: Committee Clerk for future agenda

7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (member update)

Carried over to next month.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Interchanges:

Member on the Interchanges group noted at recent meeting community groups feedback was sought to document vision and objectives and where they would like the outcome to be. Would like members to read through the notes and see if there is anything there that would impact the City. There seems to be a need for a dedicated connections to existing pedestrian cycling overpass.

Action: Committee Clerk to forward information pack. Members to respond to Mr. Williams.

Resolutions Process

Query about process of how resolutions are brought forward.

Action: Committee Clerk for October agenda

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Melina Scholefield, Chair

Clare Husk, Committee Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3, October 2012 at 6:00pm at the City Hall. Venue will be Conference Room A.