



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on March 6, 2024

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Members Present

Anna Hardy (Chair)
Jonathan Arnold (joined at 6:21 pm)
Denis Beaulieu (RCMP)
Matthew Cusanelli
Jane Farquharson
Brady Fraught (joined at 6:07 pm)
Cllr. Jessica McIlroy
Allan Moors
Karen Speirs
Lailani Tumaneng (SD#44)

Staff Present

Elicia Elliott, Manager, Transportation Planning
Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure

Hayley van Gelderen, Committee Clerk

Absent

Benjamin Woodyatt
Richard Walton

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2024 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4. ITC ORIENTATION

E. Elliott, Manager, Transportation Planning introduced herself to the Committee. The staff liaison on the Committee, S. Tremblay, Transportation Planner, was not able to attend the meeting but will be back in April.

As two of three newly elected members were present, all members introduced themselves.

The Manager, Transportation Planning and Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure gave a presentation and reviewed the purpose of the Integrated Transportation Committee, the Terms of Reference, recently completed and upcoming transportation related projects,

transportation governance, policies and strategies that inform the City's transportation work, and land use and development.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Does the Official Community Plan (OCP) include transportation goals and objectives? **A:** Yes, the plan includes transportation, mobility and access goals and objectives. Out of the OCP comes a transportation master plan. The City's transportation master plan is called the Mobility Strategy.
- Does the Lonsdale Quay/SeaBus terminal fall within the parameters of BC's Transit-Oriented Development Policy and will the City respond to the policies' density requirements? **A: Yes.** In our current draft capital plan, there are contemplations for waterfront planning, including Waterfront Park, that were already being considered prior to the rollout of this new legislation. The City's Zoning is generally already in compliance or exceeds what is prescribed by the Province in this policy.
- Where does the mobility data come from in Slide 12 of the presentation? **A:** The data is referenced in the Mobility Strategy and was collected from the North Shore Transportation Survey.
- Does the data from City pedestrian/traffic counters get included into the results out of the North Shore Transportation Survey? **A:** No, they do not directly feed into the survey results but are considered together. The counters are for specific use of an area or piece of infrastructure and are used to document changes over a period of time.
- Have staff analyzed the effects on transportation of COVID-19 during and after the pandemic? **A:** Yes, the last report encompasses this information. We also work with TransLink to understand pre/post/during pandemic transportation patterns across all modes. It was recently reported that there is 93% ridership recovery for transit since the pandemic.
- A member shared information on a program called "School Streets" in the City of Vancouver where vehicles are not permitted on a block next to a school when the school street is in effect. Instead, the street is open for walking, biking and rolling. More information can be found here: [City of Vancouver School Streets](#)
- Slide 19, second bullet (Mobility Strategy vision and goals) – suggestion to change the wording from 'reduce deaths' to 'eliminate deaths.'
- Has there been any discussion with the District of West Vancouver (DWV) about extending the R2 bus route there? **A:** Not specifically the R2 route, but DWV is involved in discussions about rapid transit on the North Shore.
- Has there been any discussions with TransLink about making the SeaBus fare one zone? **A:** It is not currently on TransLink's agenda, though it is captured in previous work including the [Transit Fare Review](#) and the [Mobility Pricing Independent Commission](#).
- Does mobility pricing fall within the scope of traffic demand management? **A:** Municipalities' powers are limited to the infrastructure it owns and manages. As part of the Curb Access & Parking Plan, staff are evaluating what on-street parking pricing could look like, but access and tolling on city roads is not currently being considered.
- What are the barriers that staff encounter when delivering on projects? **A:** The City is seen as a leader in the region and is one of the most progressive cities. It is important to understand governance and that many of the issues the City grapples with are not within our jurisdiction to take the lead on and solve. Other considerations include budget and staffing resources. Efficiency is key as well as being selective and purposeful in how we approach our work.

- How do you work with developers to ensure their proposals align with City goals? **A:** Our zoning bylaw describes what their requirements are on the private side and there is a series of bylaws that describe what the developer is to deliver as part of their offsite works (directly adjacent their property). Some of that is informed by transportation plans that we would require. In circumstances where the developer is proposing significant change that does not align with the existing zoning, we work with the developer to make sure those developments are fitting into the community and contributing in a positive way (e.g., delivering infrastructure that is critical for our cycling network, such as the development on the foot of Chesterfield Avenue and Esplanade). All of these requirements are in the process of being updated to align with recent Provincial legislation, and ITC will have an opportunity to learn more later in 2024.
- Is anti-theft cycling infrastructure included in ITC's work? **A:** Yes. Staff anticipate a future project that will look at how we park our bikes across the city, identifying bike parking priority areas and different types of bike parking infrastructure. This is also being considered as part of the Curb Access & Parking Plan.

Action: Staff to present on the Safe and Active Travel School Program at a future meeting.

Action: The Committee Clerk to provide information regarding 'Conflict of Interest' protocol to the Committee via email.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Manager, Transportation Planning explained the roles of Chair and Vice Chair and commenced elections. It was unanimously agreed to vote by a show of hands.

Nominations were called for Chair. J. Arnold nominated A. Hardy. There being no further nominations, A. Hardy accepted the nomination and was declared Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were then called for Vice Chair. A. Hardy nominated J. Arnold. There being no further nominations, J. Arnold accepted the nomination and was declared Chair by acclamation.

6. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr. McIlroy presented the following notable updates:

- March 11 Council Meeting – 2024-2028 Financial Planning Update
 - Section of the capital plan devoted to mobility improvements such as pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, roadways, and prioritization given to the Upper Levels Greenway project, Chesterfield, and the mid-town connector.
 - Last year, the Province gave \$10+ million to the City. City Council held a workshop to determine how the funds would be allocated. The allocations are reflected in this year's budget and a good portion will be used toward mobility and transportation related projects such as the Lonsdale highway overpass.
- Casano-Loutet project – The Manager, Public Realm infrastructure expressed that there will be archeological investigation in the area that will be constructed for the overpass. This work enables the City to recommence communication with the Province to obtain permitting to deliver the bridge.

- February 13 – Premier David Eby announced BC Builds in North Vancouver, a program that will create more rental housing on land owned by government for middle-income earners.
- Early March – The City signed an agreement under the Housing Accelerator Fund with the Federal government.
- Need for continued advocacy with both levels of government to seek funding required to advance transit in the region and deliver on rapid transit projects that have been prioritized over the next few years. There is still an opportunity to write to MLA's and MP's to apply pressure for the support that we really need.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Will the Lonsdale Overpass project work be coordinated with the Upper Levels Greenway project? **A:** The Upper Levels Greenway project will start first; however, we are having discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about integrating the two projects.
- As you begin to densify an area, servicing costs, such as fulfilling bike parking requirements, can become problematic. Does Development and Planning look at this and do you see it as a limitation to density? **A:** Servicing is an important and tricky component of realizing density. Servicing is a challenge but not prohibitive and will require some creativity in our realm of work.

7. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS – MEMBERS UPDATE

- March 6 – Zero-Emission Fleets: Reconnect 2024 at The Shipyards.
- Road Safety Blitz Events (collaboration between the CNV and DNV):
 - March – Queen Mary Elementary;
 - April – Westview Elementary and Queensbury Elementary;
 - May – Larson Elementary.
- Month of March – Additional road safety initiative. Shifts scheduled for additional enforcement on cell phone use while driving, seat belt checks, speeding, and impaired driving.

8. ROUND TABLE

- A member thanked staff and Council for the new sidewalk extension on Larson Road across from Carson Graham Secondary.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

“Certified Correct by the Chair”

Anna Hardy, Chair