

**The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Via WebEx**

MINUTES

Present: Brent Hillier, Chair
Dolores Altin, Vice Chair
Bradley Cuzen
Chris Quigley
Christie Sacre
Dana Bourgeois
Rohan Soulsby
Ron Spence
Councillor Tony Valente
Bryan Fedirchuk (RCMP)

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Andrew Devlin, Manager – Transportation Planning
Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Presenters: Leah Herman, Coordinator – Community Development
Julia Spitale, Public Space & Events Assistant

Guests: Casey Spreeuw (Member at Large)
Raashi Ahluwalia (Member at Large)

Absent: Ilana Baxter

1. CALL TO ORDER

The agenda for January 20, 2021 and the minutes of December 16, 2020 were adopted as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

3. PLACEMAKING ACTIVATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPEN STREETS

The Coordinator, Community Development and Public Space and Events Assistant presented Placemaking Activations in Support of Open Streets.

Key points included:

- May 2020, Council endorsed a COVID-19 adaptation and recovery framework that outlines actions and efforts to respond to the pandemic.
- Allocated street space on Lonsdale corridor through the City's Open Streets initiative to create more space for people to safely move through the City's corridor and to support economic and social recovery.
- PLAY expanded existing placemaking and parklet initiatives to support the plan.
- Focus: create vibrant spaces to support business recovery and allow people to connect, queue and safely sit outdoors.
- Creations included planter barrier gardens installed to define Open Streets sections up the corridor, creative street seats, street art interventions, additional greenscape and parklet development.
- Seven parklets were created for Open Streets and take up nine parking stalls; they are owned and stewarded by the City and were created in partnerships with business, community and local industries including United Way, Lower Lonsdale BIA, Neptune Terminals, and Seaspan.

Casey Spreeuw joined the meeting at 6:18pm.

- Other PLAY initiatives include a "Barklet" for dogs, Murals of Gratitude, Buckets of Hope to inspire hope and connection, festive plants and lighting in play spaces such as Fun Alley and Living Lane, and Studio in the City.

Comments/Questions:

- Create a design feature on the parklets to deal with flooding and leaf accumulation.
- Are there plans to create more parklets? **A:** We are assessing and modifying the existing parklets based off feedback received before adding more parklets; finding stewardship is a challenge.
- Who designed the parklets? **A:** The project was tendered for construction; two of the parklets employed film industry set designers who were out of work due to the pandemic, the container parklet was a part of the PLAY program pre-pandemic, and Seaspan created the parklet on 5th Street and Chesterfield Avenue.
- Members commended staff for doing a fantastic job with the activations under a tight time constraint.
- Are there garbage and recycling bins at each parklet? **A:** Yes, working with Public Realm Infrastructure Department to replace some of the temporary bins with larger bins that include recycling.

4. MOBILITY STRATEGY UPDATE

Manager, Transportation Planning presented an update on the Mobility Strategy.

Key points included:

- The Mobility Strategy is the City's plan to guide decisions made around transportation.
- Public engagement on the new plan begins in late February and will focus on the strategic framework of the plan and developing draft goals and key directions.
- Goals of first phase of engagement:
 - Introduce project to community.
 - Confirm draft goals and key directions and understand opportunities for refinement to ensure we are adequately reflecting community needs and priorities.
 - Collect input and ideas on actions or policies that we could consider in plan development.

Casey Spreeuw left the meeting at 7:00pm

- Draft goals that will be presented to the public for feedback:
 - Our streets provide us with access to where we need to go.
 - Our streets are safe and comfortable.
 - Our streets lessen our impact on the climate.
 - Our streets help our City prosper.
- Draft key directions that will be presented to the public for feedback:
 - Make it easier to choose the best options for the different kinds of trips we take.
 - Transform the space on our streets to make it feel safe, useful and welcoming for everyone.
 - Lessen the strain that a growing City and changing region have on our streets.
- Questions for ITC:
 - Are the draft goals and key directions relatively easy to understand?
 - How could we make them better to understand at this point?
 - What would you want to know from the public and key stakeholders about the draft goals, key directions or other areas during Phase 1 engagement?

Comments/Questions:

- Suggested questions to ask at public consultations – what would it take you to get out of your car? What would motivate you to consider a different option and what is stopping you?
- Ensure project's purpose is thoroughly explained at public consultations so public understands why changes are needed.
- Know your audience; approach the public mindfully and frame the context in a way that resonates with residents.
- Consider charging for street parking in the City; people may reconsider driving their car or it may push them to use transit.

- Disappointed to see barriers removed on St. Andrews Avenue; having the infrastructure enhanced road safety and promoted alternative modes of transportation (i.e. cycling and walking).
- Include information on how money is spent on transportation (how much comes from property tax, development cost charges etc.) and how it is allocated to existing and upcoming transportation improvement projects.
- Design bike friendly floors and bike repair rooms (avoid caged bike rooms in parkades) at development stage to improve safety and encourage more people to bike.
- Include colour coding systems or icons that illustrate how one draft goal or strategy can benefit many other initiatives other than transportation.
- Opportunity to educate residents on the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP) and how it ties in with the Mobility Strategy.
- Fine line between making streets work for everyone and making streets work for nobody.
- Important to create key hubs when new residential developments happen to reduce the amount of distance needed to travel (mixing in retail shops, corner stores, coffee shops etc.).
- Any plans for a full road segment to be dedicated to cyclists and pedestrians only? **A:** No, but the next three years are dedicated to building out a more connected network of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) mobility lane facilities.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Key points included:

- Delegation at one of the Council meetings by a teacher and two students from Seycove Secondary who presented a proposal called the North Shore Way; it involves a selected series of trails across the North Shore that people can collect stamps on a passport along the way. The idea is to encourage and promote making use of the trails on the North Shore.

6. ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS

The committee reviewed the roster of projects worksheet prior to the meeting.

Comments/Questions:

- None.

7. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

Comments/Questions:

- January 19, 2021 – Simon Fraser University had a session on “The Hidden Gifts of Retail: Resilience and Planning for Community Life”, which focused on shopping local.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Comments/Questions:

- January 25, 2021 – District of North Vancouver Council voted in favour of endorsing a pay parking pilot project at Lynn Canyon Park; the cost of \$3/hour for a maximum of three hours seasonally from March 1 – October 31.
 - District residents have the option of buying a \$10 annual park pass.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS FOR DEPARTING ITC MEMBERS

The Chair and committee said thanks to departing ITC members, D. Altin and R. Soulsby.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.


Chair Signature

Feb. 26, 2021
Date