

**The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Via WebEx**

MINUTES

Present: Brent Hillier (Chair)
Jonathan Arnold
Denis Beaulieu (RCMP)
Dana Bourgeois
Bradley Cuzen
Martin Davies
Mateusz Debicki
Maxwell Lai
Christie Sacré
Christian Zollner
Councillor Tony Valente

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Guests: Rhys Leitch, Principal, Integra Architecture
Mladen Pecanac, Associate, IBI Group
Barry Savage, Principal, Three Shores Management

Absent: Anna Hardy
Genevieve MacMillan
Ron Spence

1. CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of March 2, 2022 were approved as circulated.

- Item #3 on the agenda, titled “120 East 14th Street” was moved to Item #5
- Item #4 on the agenda, titled “Transit in the City” was moved to Item #3.
- Item #5 on the agenda, titled “Councillor Update” was moved to Item #4.

The agenda for April 6, 2022 was adopted.

- B. Cuzen chaired the meeting from Items #1 to #4.
- B. Hillier chaired the meeting from Items #5 to #9.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

3. TRANSIT IN THE CITY

The Transportation Planner, Planning and Development, provided a presentation on Transit in the City

Key points included:

- The existing transit network is made up of 42 routes and is comprised of local routes, frequent transit routes, a rapid bus, and the SeaBus.

Roles and Responsibilities

- TransLink is responsible for route planning, service planning and bus stop locations and the City can provide input.
- TransLink is fully responsible for fares and the City provides no input.
- The City is responsible for providing bus stop facilities and maintaining road travel conditions and Translink can provide input.

What can the City do to influence transit ridership?

- The City contracts Pattison, who provides many of the city's bus shelters.
- The City can allocate six bus shelters from Pattison, and they are located at stops where higher wait times are anticipated due to lower service frequency or at stops where there are many people waiting.
- TransLink requires passenger landing pads at stops, which allows bus drivers to drop the ramp from the bus onto the sidewalk to assist people with mobility aids.
- City has the highest percentage of accessible bus stops in the region at 97%.
- TransLink are starting to implement brail signs on every stop to tell people where they are and what services are offered at that stop.

Transit Priority

- "Delay" is the actual travel time compared to the ideal travel time. It is calculated by looking at early morning or late night services to understand how quick the bus can complete a route and compares that to day service travel times.
- "Reliability" is how dependable a service is for passengers.
- To help prevent delays at some of our affected bus stop locations, we can create dedicated bus lanes (e.g. on Marine Drive, West Keith Road), change intersection timing (e.g. Lonsdale and 3rd Street), relocate bus stops (e.g. above Victoria Park as well as near 13th and Lonsdale), and design bus bulges (e.g. Lonsdale and 15th).
- In the future, TransLink hopes to implement transit signal priority that would allow buses to communicate with traffic lights to stay green to avoid delay at intersections.

Comments/Questions:

- None.

4. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- March 7, 2022 – Presentation on Strategic Plan Progress to end of 2021.

Comments/Questions:

- Can you provide an update on the legalization of e-scooter devices in the City?
A: An individual is legally allowed to ride an e-scooter on the North Shore and in Vancouver. Visit the City website to download a map that shows which streets you are permitted to ride an e-scooter in the City.
 - Would be helpful to put up signage in a few places in the City that communicates where e-scooters are permitted to ride.
 - Businesses that sell e-scooters should advertise this information.
- Can you provide an update on the skateboard park amenity? **A:** Council unanimously voted to create an interim skate park in Mahon Park, behind the pickleball courts. Councillor Valente put forward a notice of motion on April 4th to attain skate park users' input for a future looking plan for skateboarding to be included in the North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission and Sport Facility Venue Review.
 - Suggest that the City require the new skate park to use low Green House Gas (GHG) cement in its construction. It would be a great way to demonstrate the new GHG-friendly cement options.

5. 120 EAST 14TH STREET

The Transportation Planner provided an introduction to the Development Application.

Key points included:

Context

- Application proposes a 21-storey mixed-use building with a two-level podium containing retail and office tenancies, and 19 levels of residential strata units above (164 dwelling units, total).

Access

- Development will gain access via one new access point from the laneway to the north of the subject site, and will ensure all vehicle movements to and from the development will be via the lowest order road available to the site, maintaining a pedestrian focus along East 14th Street.

Vehicle Parking

- Proposal has provided 192 vehicle parking spaces, which is four spaces less than the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw. Parking will be provided within five basement levels.

Bicycle Parking

- Proposal has provided 282 bicycle parking spaces, with four more residential spaces and three less commercial spaces than required by the Zoning Bylaw.

Loading and Services

- Proposal has provided two off-street loading areas, but neither meet the minimum dimension requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.

- These areas do not have internal connections to the retail units and staff are concerned that inadequate loading spaces may lead to trucks stopping on East 14th Street or in the lane to unload.
- Staff may support a small variance to one of the loading space dimensions if internal connections were provided between the loading spaces, CRU's and residential lobby.

Infrastructure Upgrades and Land Dedications

- A right-of-way will be taken along the eastern laneway frontage to ensure space for streetscape improvements for the laneway.

Pedestrian Network

- Proposal includes improvements to the pedestrian environment along the street frontage and eastern laneway, including a publicly accessible courtyard, shared by the rental units.

Public Transport Network

- Proposed development has good access to existing frequent transit network along both 15th Street and Lonsdale Avenue.

Comments/Questions:

- Will there be changes to the parking and traffic flow on 14th Street? **A:** Parking on 14th Street will either be angled or parallel and traffic operations will remain the same.
- Any small change in traffic in that area could have an impact on essential services; the RCMP and Lions Gate Hospital should be considered.
- Concerns expressed about drop-off/pick-up congestion in the area as well as the potential for increase in double parking by delivery vehicles.
- Do you take into consideration the number of other projects going on in the same area and the densification that it will create or how it will affect traffic demand? **A:** To simplify the process of additional traffic nearby, we utilize a growth rate at 1.3% per year, which follows the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- Have you considered providing bike storage on residential floors? **A:** We have done smaller in-floor storage for other developments, but it is hard to achieve because the density is very valuable. Also, most strata's will not want residents to bring up their dirty bikes on residential floors.
- Consider providing large bike lockers to accommodate cargo bikes. The largest sold bike locally is 6'.88 but if you add the rack it can reach upwards of 7'.45.
- Is there assigned parking for food delivery services? **A:** Yes, there are two commercial parking spaces at the back lane.
- Suggest animating the north-south lane between 14th and 15th Streets, similar to the lane beside Whole Foods, to create a safe mixing space for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Suggest mixing in 15 and 30 minute parking on 14th Street to allow for quicker turnover.

It was regularly moved and seconded:

THAT the Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the Rezoning application for 120 East 14th Street and supports the project.

The Committee makes the following additional comments:

- That the developer include larger bike parking facilities to accommodate cargo bikes, including bikes with trailers;
- That the developer ensure security measures are in place to reduce bicycle theft;
- That City staff investigate the north-south lane and ensure an effort is made to minimize the conflicts between cars and pedestrians;
- That the Committee expresses their concern about the potential for increased congestion at the east-west lane at the St. George's intersection; and,
- That the Committee are worried about the impending rise in traffic congestion in Central Lonsdale as a result of planned and future developments.

CARRIED

6. ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET

The committee reviewed the spreadsheet prior to the meeting.

Key points included:

- The Mobility Strategy final draft is going to Council on Monday, April 11th.
- Staff plan to start the bike parking bylaw review this summer and it will be brought to ITC for discussion later this year.

Comments/Questions:

- None.

7. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- The BC Cycling Coalition: E-Bikes and Earth Day at the Shipyards on April 30th from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

8. ROUNDTABLE

- Would be interested in learning more about the Province's change to no-fault insurance and what that means for cyclists.
- Does the City hold seminars for up and coming technology for traffic related products? **A:** Sometimes vendors come to us and we will host presentations or lunch and learns internally. Generally, we do not go to seminars put on external to the City that are put on by vendors.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.



Acting Chair

June 1, 2022

Date: June 1, 2022

Hayley van Gelderen

Committee Clerk

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