

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver**

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Andrew Robinson (Chair)
Brian Polydore
Martin Davies
Pam Horton
Carol Reimer
Trevor Bowden
Ann McAlister

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Leah Nyhus, Administrative Assistant
Dianna Foldi, Project Manager
John Braithwaite, Development Technician
Juliana Buitenhaus, Community Development Coordinator
Jill Cameron, Public Space Assistant

Apologies: Cam McLeod
Christie Sacré
Becke Gray

Quorum 9

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, OPENING COMMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:05 pm with a quorum present.

It was put to members that the Agenda be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 3 2017 be adopted.

Ann arrived at 6:25

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Keith and Grand – Daniel explained that the traffic signal lights at the intersection of Keith and Grand Boulevard were switched to better enable northbound left turn vehicles to turn from Queensbury Avenue. He suggested

that hatching on the road might provide a solution and proposes to move forward with that although a timeline has not been determined at this time.

- Boardwalks on Lonsdale, south of Esplanade – concern was raised in the previous meeting about a difficult transition from the road to boardwalks for people in wheelchairs and if they are permanent. Daniel responded that they are expected to be in place for 2-3 years and their current configuration is how they are proposed to be.

3.0 HARRY JEROME COMMUNITY CENTRE (HJCC) PROJECT

Dianna Foldi provided a summary of the history behind and the plans for the HJCC, the parties who have been involved in the plans and the public process that has taken place thus far to gather public input from neighbors and stakeholders including Silver Harbour, the Lawnbowling Club and Flicka Gymnastics. A Town Hall Meeting has also taken place. Dianna summarized the existing facilities and discussed their challenges in terms of age, programming desired, and location, negating the feasibility of upgrading.

Proposed facilities include multi-use facilities, 2 gyms, preschool and youth centres, pools, ice arena and potentially inclusion of Silver Harbour Centre. An overview was provided of the several options that are being considered and the increased open space capacity the new design will allow.

Dianna outlined the funding models being looked at to finance the new facility, including a requisite development component and the ongoing public process that will continue to take place through the next year of design and planning. She also discussed the Traffic Management Study that will be taking place and how it will be used as a tool governing design.

Questions and concerns included the following:

- **Q:** Jaywalking over East 23rd Street from bus stop to Centennial Theatre is a problem, will there be a pedestrian bridge over 23rd Street in the plans? **A:** It is too early in the design process to answer that, but it will be considered.
- The traffic and pedestrian movement at the intersection of East 23rd Street and Lonsdale Avenue in extreme weather events with rain and snow was noted as a concern.
- Concern voiced about increased traffic resulting from both development and an expanded Community centre and the need to factor that into the design.
- Parking entry crosses major pedestrian connection to Lonsdale Avenue. The pedestrian connection to transit and the Lonsdale core should be emphasized and made as safe as possible.
- Possible conflicts between loading zone for theatre and pedestrian connection to Lonsdale Avenue.

4.0 MOODYVILLE WALL DEVELOPMENT / STREET CROSS SECTIONS:

John Braithwaite summarized what has happened thus far with the Moodyville development permit area:

- The Wall Group site plan and requisite land exchanges have been presented to and approved by Council.
- Design features concepts including: 'living' lanes, woonerfs, integration of Spirit Trail and open scape planning.
- Design consideration is being given to narrower roads (possibly with parking only on one side allowed) with smaller bumpouts (with integrated raingardens) to allow areas for 2 cars to be able to pass.

John invited feedback, sketches, ideas etc. from the group. He also suggested a follow-up presentation further along in the design process where the proposed design can be presented to ITC for input re: traffic movement and parking design.

5.0 PLACEMAKING:

Juliana and Jill began their presentation by defining placemaking as being about finding ways to animate and activate areas so they attract people to them. They introduced the "Play, Embrace the Space" placemaking initiative, and explained examples of placemaking initiatives such as stringing lights, adding grassy areas, benches and tables, umbrellas, bright colours and features such as pianos, adding that social and economic benefits of activating areas include a reduction in vandalism and vagrancy and an increase nearby retail sales.

Other CNV placemaking projects include:

- A parklet pilot project whereby parking spots in the City are temporarily transformed into civic sitting areas – if popular might be ongoing. The current site is on East 18th at Lonsdale Avenue
- 'Longtable lunch' series with food trucks, live music and picnic games every Thursday 12-2 pm in the City Plaza that all are invited to come and enjoy
- Busking / curated street performance series
- Mural project & 'urban oasis' alley project.

Questions and feedback included:

- Overall feedback from the group was very positive
- **Q:** How are these initiatives to be communicated to residents? **A:** The CNV Community Event Calendar and are working on new, user friendly communication means, including potentially a 'pop up' City Hall
- Concern voiced about pedestrian and vehicular transportation issues created as a result of activating areas
- The need for Waterfront Park to be activated was recognized.

Go to cnv.org/play for more information.

6.0 ITC FIELD TRIP DISCUSSION

The group unanimously decided in favour of Harry Jerome and Green Necklace being the preferred choice for the Field Trip. Both project managers have confirmed availability to present, however they require a shifting of the date to September, due to respective timelines, which the group agreed to. A survey of dates will be sent out.

7.0 ITC MEMBER CONTRIBUTION: VALUES & ENGAGEMENT

Discussion about value, level of engagement and degree of effectiveness of ITC member/committee commenced, as follows:

The degree to which the ITC Terms of Reference actually reflects what City / Council want to achieve from the committee was questioned. It was suggested and the group agreed that a regular review of the Terms of Reference is necessary and helpful, which has not happened for some time.

It was recognized that members are contributing their time and efforts wanting to make a genuine contribution to the community. A roundtable discussion followed brainstorming about ways in which the committee could be more effective, with comments and questions that included the following:

- Committees such as ITC do have the ability to help realize change, particularly when at a local level (versus larger picture transportation issues where less able to effect change).
- A discussion took place regarding Council representation and access to Council and feedback from Council, brainstorming on ways in which communication could potentially be improved upon.
- A concern was noted that projects are coming to the Committee after the report has already gone to Council versus at a stage in the process where input and recommendations can be influential.
- Access to Information - The committee would like better access to hard data and statistics, specifically noting the absence of a Transportation Management Plan or Pedestrian Plan without which they lack a strategic view and understanding of the long term planning.
- **Q:** Where do resolutions go and do they go to Council? **A:** Daniel responded that Committee specifically needs to request that resolutions be presented to Council.
- ITC used to produce a report to Council which hasn't been done in the past few years.
- Could ITC invite Council to attend a meeting?
- **Q:** How are capital projects advanced and what is the criteria for projects to be brought to ITC? **A:** Daniel explained all capital projects are different in terms of timeline and interest in acquiring feedback from ITC.
- **Q:** Could a resolution be brought forward to make ITC a Committee that projects are required to come through, like ADP? **A:** Daniel noted that

he has been active in trying to bring the projects to ITC that they would like to see. He also noted that the Official Community Plan governs how developments are built and unless they are applying for a variance or amendment, the impacts should be manageable, however it makes sense that rezoning is assessed for significant traffic impacts.

This discussion is to be continued at the next meeting. Daniel was asked to produce a flowchart that could support a resolution as discussed above.

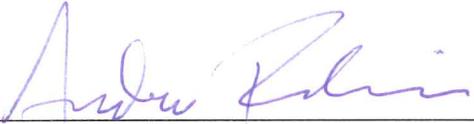
8.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS: STAFF UPDATE (D. Watson)

Defer to next meeting.

9.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS – MEMBER UPDATE

Defer to next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm



Andrew Robinson, Chair



for Leah Nyhus, Administrative Assistant