

City of North Vancouver
INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

Present: Ian Williams
Raj Janjua *until 8pm*
Eugenio Berti
Heather Drugge (Acting Chair)
Alex Boston
Robert Glover

Staff: Clare Husk, Committee Clerk
Dragana Mitic, Manager, Transportation
Iona Bonamis, Transportation Planner
Michael Epp, Planner
Stephen Blore, Transportation Planner *until 7pm*

Observer: One member of the public.

Apologies: Melina Scholefield
Tony Weller
Craig Keating

Quorum 6

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES FROM APRIL 2013

The meeting was called to order by Heather Drugge at 6:05pm with a quorum present.
Agenda was adopted.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 be adopted with a minor correction to page 5.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

3.0 HARBOURSIDE PARKING

Stephen Blore reported on the Harbourside street parking assessment. City staff received feedback from local business employees, Kings Mill Walk users and from one on one meetings with business owners.

Staff are moving forward with a parking strategy to be implemented in the fall. Temporary use permit will be granted by Council for 50 pay parking stalls adjacent on the site currently occupied by the Lions Gate Christian Academy.

Comments & Suggestions from the Committee included, but were not limited to:

- Parking meters were suggested, as it gives people a choice as to how long they want to be in the area. As this is a new area it might be a good place to introduce pay parking. Mr. Blore noted that traditionally there has not been a lot of support for pay parking, but could be an option.
- Discussion around bylaw enforcement. Staff confirmed that there is time limited parking and bylaw officers do attend.

Questions from the Committee included, but were not limited to:

Q: Is the City able to see who is infringing by gathering any location data? A: Mr. Blore responded that the City used data to see the turnover rate, and can see where people are residing from the licence plate details. Consultants (Bunt and Associates) did a report on who is parking there; a large percentage is from the North Shore which means there is the potential to move them to other modes of transportation.

Q: Giving local drivers Transit information would be useful. A: Travel Smart North Shore has developed a map for the Harbourside area, however some people cannot be captured by this (live too far away). Mr. Blore took this map when he met with Harbourside business owners.

Q: What kind of infrastructure change is required to change the transportation mode? What are the barriers? A: Mr. Blore responded that the City has to find the key items that are required to make that mode shift.

4.0 CHESTERFIELD AVENUE CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Stephen Blore provided an update on the recent Open House. Invitations were sent to 380 addresses, in addition to emails, newspaper advertisements, etc. Eleven people attended and only two from the Chesterfield corridor.

Mr. Blore presented his boards from the Open House. The project scope is from West 4th to West 13th on Chesterfield, looking to put in cycling infrastructure. This is an item from the Bicycle Master Plan.

Timeline might have to be adjusted to get more feedback from community. The goal is to find balance between needs of cyclists and Resident Exempt parking.

It was noted that vehicle counts are reducing from previous years counts. There is a low cycle accident rate (2%) or two in one hundred.

Mr. Blore introduced the options. Not a one option fits all; hybrid of options to be investigated (e.g. 500 block is one metre narrower). Some feedback was received regarding the traffic circle at Chesterfield Avenue and Keith Road.

Comments & Suggestions from the Committee included, but were not limited to:

Advertising / Outreach Suggestions:

- Put signs on the Avenue advertising the next open house.
 - Get copies of boards and documents and print them out for the strata councils on the Avenue.
 - Meet one on one with the Strata Councils.
 - Advertise at the BTWW events.
 - Meet with HUB.
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- Concern expressed about narrow sidewalks and space for pedestrians.
 - Facility to allow small audience to access north south west of Lonsdale. Chesterfield is the best location, but project appears to be trying to do too much, keep parking, keep speeds and put in bikes.
 - Challenging route, no single option works.
 - If cannot remove parking, should staff consider the alley just west of Lonsdale.
 - The opportunity for Mahon to be a recreational cyclist route. It is a quieter route.
 - Trying to accommodate too much on the corridor, should come up with an option that removes street parking and take that to the residents along the corridor.
 - like the idea of going uphill segregated path. Can it be put beside the sidewalk then the parking section.

Questions from the Committee included, but were not limited to:

Q: Who is this being designed for? A: Commuter Cyclists.

Q: Does parking have to be maintained on Chesterfield? If not it makes the bike facilities easier to implement. A: one of the projects' criteria is to minimise the parking loss on the street. Some older buildings do not have sufficient off street parking provision. The newer buildings do. The RE parking is quite well used. This project is trying to address the needs along the corridor for all users.

Mr. Blore left the meeting at 7pm

5.0 OCP FRAMEWORK RESOLUTION

After discussion it was agreed to defer this item until after the CityShaping event on May 2nd.

Break from 7:05 to 7:19pm

6.0 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

Highlights of the discussion:

- Maybe three or four major themes that kept reoccurring in the course of the year? Would it be worthwhile pulling these out;
- Like the concise summary;
- Need to be involved in major projects earlier, now that the committee is established, this will happen.

It was agreed the report would be amended to mention that the Committee is actively seeking earlier engagement on development proposals and that the committee regrets it was not established before some major developments began and as a result was unable to make a timely contribution.

The Committee is looking forward to continue timely engagement in the future.

Amendment to be circulated by Ms. Drugge by email.

7.0 LOCAL AREA SERVICES

This was a query from the Capacity Building part of the workshop earlier in the year.

Ms. Bonamis discussed the memo that was circulated to members which outlined the process for Local Area Service requests, such as speed humps and bumps and other neighbourhood improvements.

8.0 CITY PROJECTS

Lynn Valley Boulevard Crescent – approved by Council. Going ahead with detailed design for the whole corridor. The Committee will be informed when there are more details to share. Timeframe for construction and completion is dependent on funding for the MoTI and DNV sections of the corridor. Definitely want City and MoTI components to happen together.

Electrical vehicle charging stations – 3 stations (6 stalls in total) at City Hall/ Library (half for staff use), one station at the Operations Centre, and plans for one station in Lower Lonsdale (working in partnership with BC Hydro). The City will be charged by BC Hydro for the electricity used, and users in turn will be charged on a pay as you go concept. Users will have to pay to use the parking stall using a parking meter.

Currently working on electrical vehicle charging infrastructure requirements for new residential and commercial developments.

It was suggested that there would be more opportunity with EBikes. EBike charging infrastructure should be included in future developments, particularly at key destinations – e.g. larger office buildings within a 20km ride to work, etc.

9.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (member update)

Mr. Janjua reported on an open house regarding the Keith Lynn/Lower Lynn plans (District). Aim is to move traffic from Fern and Mountain Highway. There will be densification to Rupert Street. Different interest groups and stakeholders, residents, cyclists, developers attended. Member was unsure of timeline for this plan.

Mr. Williams updated the Committee on the recent District/Transportation Ministry Interchange meetings. The Ministry is currently working on various concept designs, and these will be discussed with the Committee in the near future. Subsequently, there will be information made public in the near future on the District and Ministry of Transportation websites. The change will be from Brooksbank and Keith, to the flyover, altering exits on the Capilano University side, including Mountain Highway to Phibbs.

Mr. Janjua left at 8pm

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Low Level Road

Requests for regular updates. Staff are waiting for a transportation plan from the consultant. Bring update to next meeting, and this topic to be added to future agendas.

ACTION: Update for June Meeting

Field Trip ideas

- Walk down Chesterfield
- Bike ride together and tour the major designated bike routes and see what exists and what will be built out.
- Going from Low Level Road through to Esplanade particularly looking at the Chesterfield and the SeaBus interface with park and Spirit Trail. (It might be too early to see this as there will be a lot of construction in these areas)

ACTION: Topic for June agenda

Bike to Work Week/Bike to School Week

City of North Vancouver having a Bike to Work Week celebration at the Civic Plaza on Tuesday May 28th, co-sponsored by HUB.

2nd Narrows Bridge Improvement

The Ministry will be widening the sidewalk and installing a safety fence over the summer.

It was suggested that this be mentioned at the Bike to Work Week booth.

It was agreed that the Committee would send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation, thanking them for their commitment to active transportation. Ms. Drugge offered to draft one up and bring it to the next meeting.

ACTION: Ms. Drugge.

Will there be a Meeting in August?

In the Terms of Reference it is included. However, an August meeting is dependent on items and member availability.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm



Heather Drugge, Acting Chair



Clare Husk, Committee Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 5, June 2013 at 6:30pm in Conference Room A, City Hall.