

City of North Vancouver
INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

JBCC MEETING ROOM 1
155 West 1st Street

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 6:30pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Eugenio Berti
Heather Drugge
Ian Williams
Melina Scholefield (Chair)
Raj Janjua
Marcus Siu
Tony Weller

Staff: Clare Husk, Committee Clerk
Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Suzanne Smith, Planner
Gary Penway, Director of Community Development

Apologies: Cpl Marlene Morton
Craig Keating
Kathleen Callow
Robert Glover

Quorum 4

0360-20-ITC

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES FROM OCTOBER

The meeting was called to order by Melina Scholefield at 6.30

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 be adopted with minor changes noted.

Welcome to new member Tony Weller.

Mr. Robarts has moved to District, no longer able to be on the Committee.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

Committee Clerk advised that member of staff will approach ACDI about a presentation or meeting or possible member(s) to be on both.

3.0 Stage 3 City Shaping

Ms. Suzanne Smith, Planner, City of North Vancouver, gave an update on the CityShaping process. The Committee was encouraged to attend the remaining CityShaping events.

CityShaping Stage II – Critical Issues: the staff report dated September 5, 2012 was tabled. This Information Report for Council highlighted the outreach and engagement efforts, and summarised the input received to date. The CityShaping webpages (www.cnv.org/CityShaping) have been updated to include the summary and the events planned for Stage Three. The key issues were housing (affordability and diversity) and transportation.

Stage III – Proposed Expanded Process: In September Council directed staff to proceed with the revised CityShaping Stage III. This phase focusses on growth and land use scenarios. This phase, (running from September to January 2013) has workshops, open houses and web input.

Last workshop to be January 19, 2013 Saturday at City Hall. From 1- 5pm (will include a “hands on” component). Growth and Land Use, looking at community growth opportunities and challenges.

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

- The City was commended on the outreach to date.
- Housing affordability and transportation, it is more affordable to live if do not have to have a car, and proximity to services. Is that being raised? **A:** Yes, comments like that have been received.
- Is there a consultant helping? **A:** HP Lanarc are the consultants for the community strategy we adopted 18 months ago. We do not have a consultant for the community engagement parts. There is a lot of staff engagement.
- When will the process be finished? **A:** Aiming for end of 2013. It is now a 2½ year process, was originally to be 18 months.

4.0 CITY PROJECT UPDATE

Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the current projects.

Lower Lonsdale West Traffic Calming

Traffic circles to be permanently installed at Mahon and West 2nd & Mahon and West 4th and median island extension at Mahon and 1st. The median island extension at 1st and Semish is now tied to a development on West 1st and will follow that.

Bump outs on Chesterfield at 4th and 5th is being postponed pending more analysis on the Chesterfield Bike route.

Responses to Committee Queries

- In response to the suggestion that installations should be permanent, not temporary, from the beginning, Mr. Watson noted that people tend to ignore the

notifications etc., until the traffic calming is installed. Noted the East 4th diverter was recently put in temporarily, and a lot of feedback, but only a small amount received after the initial mailout.

- Can you put cut-throughs on bumpouts for cyclists? **A:** We have tried in the past, but it resulted in operational issues relating to cleaning. We do design the bump outs to keep road widths suitable for cyclists (min 4.3m).
- Were you aware of the recent ICBC study showing that traffic calming is safer for cyclists? **A:** yes, traffic calming does change traffic flow.
- Considered creating mountable turns on your circles (to make the turning radius tighter)? **A:** yes, but also the fire department need to be able to safely move their fire trucks, which requires the larger radius.

2nd and Chesterfield

- Will be installing bump outs.

Boulevard park (Ray Perrault Park)

- Surface to be repaved, will improve drainage, install parking restrictions (to encourage turnover of vehicles)

Bicycle Master Plan

Passed at both City and District Councils on November 5th. City Council was unanimous.

TravelSmart

Tri-municipal venture. More info in January when a TransLink person will be coming to meet with ITC.

Gary Penway in meeting from 7:20pm
Ten Minute Break
reassembled with same persons present

4.0 Central Waterfront Realizing the Potential

Mr. Penway presented the Central Waterfront Concept Plan Options; the options are the result of the July Stakeholders workshop.

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

- No water access such as kayak or boat rental? **A:** Port resistant to the casual use of water access. St. Roch dock does have boat access. We hope to eventually have water taxis.
- What traffic studies have been done? **A:** These were done for the proposed Maritime Centre (100,000 sq ft).
- A university or hotel will have a lower demand for parking/car users.

- Concern expressed with cyclists and pedestrians sharing the same space. A: Spirit trail gets people to come out and bring them to the waterfront. The Spirit Trail vision supports the idea of Central Waterfront as a destination. There may be some choke points, cyclists to slow down, maybe dismount, and walk through.
- Could it be done as Coal harbour, reallocate road space (Wallace Mews) for a two way bike route, and have pedestrians use the waterfront route. A. Yes, it is being considered.
- Any money left from the Maritime Museum proposal that we can use? A: Yes, \$5million. Could use it just to stabilize the Foot of Lonsdale.
- Could the buildings just be taller, leave more space on the ground? A: Zoning constraints.
- Sustainable transportation expansion and TransLink 2040 rapid transit vision – therefore no buildings in the way of where rapid transit might be needed, but no new connections to transit planned.

Resolution:

THAT the Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the proposal of the Central Waterfront Concept Plan options and supports the idea of redeveloping the area

AND THAT the Committee recommend staff consider:

- Active transportation throughout the development; and
- Limiting motorized transportation close to the waterfront on Wallace mews; and
- Relocating Cates shed in order to provide more direct pedestrian connections and sightlines between the Quay and the Central Waterfront area; and
- Universal accessibility in the design; and
- Designs that provide for adaptations to rising sea levels/storm surges, etc.; and
- Creating open space on the waterfront, including ample greenspace (without too much hardscape); and
- Creating an intergenerational approach and appeal, including fun spaces for kids involving elements such as an interactive water feature; and
- Creating adequate tour bus drop off locations with sufficient sidewalk space for loading and unloading; and
- Keeping the corridor along Lonsdale Avenue open to water by moving the PGE building as per options A or C; and

- As much as possible, separating two-way bikes and two-way pedestrian traffic to reduce conflicts; and
- Exploring intensification options that would continue to provide ample open space and urban design that emphasises creating people places and preserving the pedestrian scale feel of the waterfront area; and
- And finding ways to integrate the heritage theme into the environment.

AND THAT the Committee supports the idea of a permitting u-turns at the foot of Lonsdale.

Unanimous

6.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (member update)


It was noted that the Port Metro Vancouver will be doing a land use update. Material is available online for comment (including a survey).

<http://www.portmetrovancover.com/en/projects.aspx>

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9.11pm



Melina Scholefield, Chair



Clare Husk, Committee Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 16, January 2012 at 6:00pm at the Conference Room A, City Hall.