



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on June 7, 2023

Members Present

Anna Hardy (Chair)
Jonathan Arnold **participated electronically**
Denis Beaulieu (RCMP) **participated electronically**
Dana Bourgeois
Jane Farquharson
Genevieve Macmillan
Cllr. Jessica McIlroy
Allan Moors (6:21 pm)
Karen Speirs
Ron Spence
Benjamin Woodyatt
Christian Zollner

Absent

Martin Davies
Lailani Tumaneng

Staff Present

Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm
Infrastructure

Sarah Tremblay, Transportation Planner 1
Hayley van Gelderen, Committee Clerk

Guests

Nil.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Nil.

4. MARINE-MAIN CORRIDOR EASTBOUND TRANSIT LANE EXTENSION FROM QUEENSBURY AVENUE TO GLADSTONE AVENUE

Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure, presented the following highlights regarding the Marine-Main Corridor Eastbound Transit Lane Extension from Queensbury Avenue to Gladstone Avenue project:

- The RapidBus (R2) program launched in April 2020 and in its first phase prioritized the delivery of priority transit measures in the most congested areas of the North Shore.

- The section of Queensbury Avenue to Gladstone Avenue (the project area) continues to experience delays, impacting on average 1,300 people per day between Ridgeway Avenue and Brooksbank Avenue in the eastbound direction.
- Currently, the R2 eastbound transit priority lane ends just west of the Spirit Trail Overpass, requiring transit vehicles to merge into the general purpose travel lane until it resumes again at Gladstone Avenue. This project aims to address this gap and complete the R2 line to bring transit lanes all the way through this intersection.
- When this project is complete, the variability in transit times will be decreased and the average travel time should consistently be around three minutes.
- City staff will be working in conjunction with TransLink's Communications team for public and stakeholder engagement, which include the traveling public, nearby residents in the Cloverley neighbourhood, adjacent businesses and industrial operators.
- Next steps:
 - The project team has completed the detailed design phase;
 - With Council's approval in May, the next phase is to tender and proceed to construction;
 - Construction will begin in July and take four to six months to complete.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Do you have any takeaways from the St Andrews Safety Improvements Project on communicating out to the public that can be applied to this project? **A:** Yes, because of the complex technical nature of the design work, there is not a lot of opportunity for specific public feedback to influence the design since it is based on technical standards. However, we are trying to communicate this project out early to the public through signage, digital communication, North Shore News articles etc., to let the traveling public know this project is coming in order to reduce any surprises.
- Do you have data on eastbound pedestrian usage of the sidewalk on 3rd Street hill and how many people who use that route may be impacted by its removal? **A:** We do not have data; however, we have seen an increase of pedestrian usage of the Spirit Trail since it was completed in 2018. In the future, we will want to connect the pedestrian network on 3rd Street, but feel that we currently offer better quality pedestrian conditions via the Spirit Trail. By moving pedestrians to the Spirit Trail, we are able to prioritize the safety of cyclists in this project.
- How do staff determine species of new tree plantings for the area? **A:** The trees currently onsite are cottonwood species which grow quickly but have a short life cycle and are now nearing end of life. We will be selecting trees that will be tolerant to climate conditions of the future, will grow mature and be around for a long time.
- Bikes respond differently than vehicles do in different weather conditions (i.e., take a longer time to slow down) – suggest having a flashing warning light for cyclists to alert them of a signal change coming up.
- Which intersections will have one lane each way during construction? **A:** During construction, we will make sure that one lane in each direction will be open for traffic flow within the entire project area. We will be working with the contractor to determine plans for sequencing and how it will all work.
- A member shared their concerns about traffic impacts during construction, particularly around traffic queuing along 3rd Street and how far back queuing will occur. **A:** We will do what we can to reduce traffic impacts such as starting construction work earlier in the morning and ending before peak commuting periods in the afternoon.

- A member recommended improving wayfinding signage to the Spirit Trail for westbound cyclists as it is currently not clear.
- Will more funding be put into street cleaning the mobility lanes, especially after new trees are planted along this route? **A:** As new infrastructure is built, we also incorporate this work into the operating budget to ensure new infrastructure is regularly maintained.
- Currently, eastbound signage along Esplanade before approaching the brewery district is obstructed by the tree line and a member suggested that the signage be dropped lower (or altered depending on what user the signage is targeted for) to improve visibility.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE

Sarah Tremblay, Transportation Planner 1, presented the following highlights regarding the Integrated Transportation Committee's Terms of Reference.

- The committee's Terms of Reference (ToR) was endorsed by Council in February 2012 and has only received minor updates since.
- An update to the ToR is an opportunity to:
 - Streamline and align it with the multi-modal Mobility Strategy;
 - Ensure the Committee and staff understand the mandate to maximize ITC's value for Council;
 - Correct inconsistencies as the Committee has evolved over time.
- Summary of proposed changes include:
 - Use of concise language to ensure mandate is easy to interpret by members and staff;
 - Aligning with the Mobility Strategy by using inclusive and multi-modal language;
 - Stronger reliance on information found in the Advisory Body Procedures;
 - Updated membership numbers to reflect current membership (11 to 12);
 - Updated quorum calculation to match Council.
- Next steps:
 - Bring revised ToR to Council on July 10, 2023 for endorsement.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Members were unanimously in support of the updates.
- A member asked to receive the Robert Rules of Order training booklet from the training workshop that occurred in April.

Action: Committee Clerk to distribute the Robert's Rules of Order training booklet to committee members via email.

6. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr. McIlroy presented the following notable updates:

- Half of the City's Council attended the Annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Toronto in late May.
- TransLink's Mayors' Council went on a trip to Ottawa to advocate for transit and communicate the needs for funding.

- TransLink reported that on some of their routes, ridership is almost back to pre-pandemic levels.
- The Esplanade Complete Street project is now complete.
- Upcoming engagement opportunities:
 - The Annual Municipal Report has now been released and is coming to Council on June 19. The public can provide online input up until June 16.
 - Let's Talk Engagement Expo taking place in the Civic Plaza on June 17 from 10am-2pm.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- A member commented that there are not enough cargo bike lock-up infrastructure in the City and asked if standards will change to consider cargo bikes size, turning radius width and height for signage. **A:** Improved infrastructure in the public realm, such as bike parking, is on Council's radar. A lot of space is required for cargo bike parking as well as the components required to keep the bikes safe and secure. We flag this in development applications (i.e., when there is a bike room going into a building).
- Are the discussions around Rapid Transit and transit expansion for travelling within the North Shore or leaving the North Shore? **A:** The current proposed route that is in the TransLink 10-year Priorities is a bus rapid transit system route from Metrotown to Park Royal. In the short-term, there is no plan to give a dedicated lane for bus rapid transit on the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge.
- A member inquired if any improvements are planned for the SeaBus to allow more space for cyclists to board the ferry.
- Will security cameras be used in main intersections to monitor infractions and help reduce traffic incidents? **A:** Sgt. Denis Beaulieu responded that cameras come at a high cost, but they are generally managed by the Province. Uncertain if the City or District would elect to buy their own and pay for the maintenance associated with it. There is a camera at Capilano Road and Marine Drive.

Action: Staff to work with TransLink on allowing more space for cyclists to board the SeaBus.

7. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS – MEMBER UPDATE

Members presented the following notable updates:

- Lime Survey open until June 19, <https://letstalk.cnv.org/Ebikes/>
- HUB Cycling is looking for volunteers over summer.
- Let's Talk Engagement Expo taking place in the Civic Plaza on June 17.

8. ROUND TABLE

Members presented the following notable round table comments:

- Can you provide an update on the paint shortage supply the City experienced due to supply chain issues? **A:** Yes, we can access paint now; however, we are dealing with a backlog of repainting our roadway infrastructure and so we are prioritizing the work accordingly. Some work has been completed to date.

- Is there a way to provide feedback on the Zoning Bylaw Update? **A:** Yes, feedback can be provided on the Let's Talk website, <https://letstalk.cnv.org/zoningupdate> as well as at the Engagement Expo on June 17.
- A member asked for an update on when the north sidewalk on Larson Road next to Carson Graham School will be built.
 - Staff responded that the sidewalk project on Larson Road is currently set for construction in 2024.
- Is there an update on the Upper Levels Greenway? **A:** The project is delayed as there is still conversations happening with the Province to determine the alignment, and then the project will advance to the public engagement process.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.



Anna Hardy, Chair

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