

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**City Hall, Conference Room A  
141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver**

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

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**M I N U T E S**

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- Present:** Trevor Bowden, Chair  
Dolores Altin  
Bradley Cuzen  
Martin Davies, Vice-Chair  
Brent Hillier  
Carol Reimer  
Christie Sacré  
Rohan Soulsby  
Councillor Tony Valente
- Staff:** Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner  
Rachel Fish, Committee Clerk
- Presenters:** Leah Herman, Coordinator – Community Development  
Julia Spitale, Public Space Assistant  
Roy Symons, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.  
Ingrid Weisenbach, Transportation Planner, DNV
- Apologies:** Patrick Stafford-Smith  
Matthew Carter  
Sgt. Bryan Fedirchuk

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was adopted and the minutes of November 6, 2019 were adopted as circulated.

**2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

### 3.0 PLACEMAKING AND PLAYCNV UPDATE

The Coordinator – Community Development and the Public Space Assistant gave an overview and update on the Placemaking and PlayCNV programs in the city. This included the vision for Placemaking and PlayCNV as well as completed projects to date and upcoming projects for 2020.

*Councillor Valente joined the meeting at 6:12PM.*

#### Questions/Comments from ITC:

- Is the shipping container movable?
  - Yes, but it's expensive to move so we want to be sure where it's going.
- Harbourside is a great location to consider.
- Anything that is a refuge from the rain is a huge asset.
- 50ft is a large container. Consider getting two smaller ones.
- Is there a budget to do the outfitting?
  - Yes.
- Consider creating a new destination. Lower Lonsdale already has these benefits.
- Consider using one of the blank sides as a canvas to inform people about how far these shipping containers travel across the ocean and what the impacts are.
- It could be a youth destination with couches and a ping pong table. Ensure it's a safe place.
- Hawkers Wharf has a site with shipping containers that may be available for sale.
- Is there any input on the Health Cluster?
  - The key audience is people who work at the hospital. Amenities in hospitals are often lacking, could be improved by outdoor spaces such as this. It would benefit staff to get outside, away from their work environment, also valuable for visitors and patients.
  - Include some kind of visual treatment that makes it clear that it's a pass-through. Increase the permeability. It could turn into a well used walkway.
  - There are wayfinding funds for central Lonsdale.
  - There could be signage that's a block and a half away that guides people there.

*Break from 6:50PM – 7:00PM.*

### 4.0 BIKE ROUTES

Roy Symons from ISL presented on the North Vancouver Cycling Routes Study. Six routes (two in the district and four in the city) were discussed, each with varying options and criteria for consideration, to understand traffic volumes and

speeds and determine appropriate facilities. The goals are to contribute to a connected network, improve safety and comfort and balance the needs of all users while providing practical solutions.

#### Questions/Comments from ITC:

##### Route B: West 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Marine Drive to Fell Avenue

- Are these routes already on the Bike Master Plan?
  - Yes. We are concentrating on six high priority routes instead of updating the Bike Master Plan.
- This is a heavily parked area and it is rare to see cyclists on that block. The backup of traffic is already significant. Losing the right turn lane would cause more problems than less.
- It's difficult going southbound in that intersection. Bidirectional does seem safer. People would use this.
- What is the parking, residential or business?
  - Primarily residential.
- This is the worst accident location in North Vancouver.
- What's going to happen to the old Sears building, will there be exits and entrances to a new tower?
  - The north side of Marine Drive is very unlikely to change. Capilano Mall is more likely to change in the near future. Driveways for the site would go onto Hanes Avenue, MacKay Road or 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- The A&W parking lot has a lot of traffic.

##### Route C: CNV Border to West 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Forbes Avenue via west Third

- Consider issues with parking between driveways and turning right or left through the parking and into the lane. It's difficult to see over the parked cars. Ensure a visible sightline between traffic and the bike lane.
- The unidirectional makes sense because of Fell Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Consider a better solution at the Marine Drive and Bewicke Avenue eastbound right hand turn lane.
- There is a lot of parking along that stretch, many with their own surface lots. If there are driveways causing issues, get rid of the parking, open up the visibility and do a good job of it. More residents will be using this.

##### Route D: West 1<sup>st</sup> Street from CNV Border to West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

- The section of Bewicke Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street wasn't upgraded. If it's going to be upgraded to unidirectional, consider still having some kind of bidirectional bike lanes on the south side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to connect the Bewicke Greenway to the multiuse path on the south side of West 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - This route does include separated bike lanes along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and curbs down to 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the overpass. The whole section would have separated bike lanes on both sides.
- The problem with connecting to the multiuse pathway is all of the trees which create issues for people walking and bikes. (in reference to the south corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)



- We have to consider the interest of cars too.
- Parking is more preferred for local streets. Vehicle capacity has to be higher. The loss of left and right hand turn lanes will have significant impacts.
- There are still more people in cars than on bikes.

#### Route E: West 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Forbes Avenue to East 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Queensbury Avenue

- Have you looked at data for how many cars are going through on Lonsdale?
  - Yes, we have counts but that will change with the signal.
- To go less aggressive won't calm traffic.
- Changing stop signs to prioritize bikes would be more desirable for cars as well.
- Would this be a separated bidirectional bike lane?
  - It would be narrowed down to one lane each direction with shared cycling and vehicle lanes.
- Do you have the data for traffic?
  - In general, we already have the data. This hasn't received funding. Prior to implementing we would study it more.
- Impeding vehicle traffic should not be an objective.
- Have you allocated money for implementation funding for the Marine Drive route to take care of the Rapid Bus on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street?
  - We don't have any for 4<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. We plan to implement 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as an alternate to Marine Drive.
- Multi use pathways have to have separation from people walking and on bikes. Data supports separation.

### **5.0 COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

- On November 25<sup>th</sup> there was an update on Metro 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Casano Loutet funding appropriation was approved.
- Street and traffic bylaw adjustment which impacts parking lots in Lower Lonsdale to enforce parking rules.
- On December 2<sup>nd</sup> Council approved the Asset Management Policy.
- Appropriation of crosswalks: Hendry Avenue and Keith Road, Lonsdale and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Westview Drive and 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Grand Boulevard pedestrian scale lighting was appropriated.
- Funding was allocated towards the Environmental Strategy.

### **6.0 ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET**

D. Watson updated the group on the project worksheet.

**7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS**

- QuadReal Property Group is hosting an open house at Capilano Mall on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8PM to discuss the future of the space.
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> is the one year anniversary of the fatality on Esplanade Avenue. People are welcome to join Brent Hillier, who will be riding up and down Esplanade Avenue for the entire day.
- The School District Strategic Planning is happening on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue. Community feedback is welcome.

**8.0 ROUND TABLE**

- Request to have someone come to ITC to speak about the legal and ethical considerations of integrating all forms of transportation.
- The regularly scheduled meeting in January has been moved to January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:36 pm.**

  
Chair Signature

Feb. 13, 2020  
Date