

City of North Vancouver

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

- Present:** Alex Boston (until 6:45)
Eugenio Berti
Heather Drugge (until 8:15)
Ian Williams
Kathleen Callow (until 6:45)
Melina Scholefield (Chair)
Raj Janjua
Robert Glover
Susan Skinner
- Staff:** Clare Husk, Committee Clerk
Iona Bonamis & Stephen Blore, Transportation Planners
Dragana Mitic, Manager, Transportation
- Observers:** Greg Travers (North Shore Advisory Committee Disability Issues)
Mark Roseland, City Planner
- Guests:** Bruce Hemstock, Principal, PWL Partnership
Derek Lee, PWL Partnership
Farouk Babul, Development Manager, Concert Properties
Lisa Lock, VP Development, Concert Properties
Gwen Tang, Concert Properties
Jonathan Meads, Concert
Karen Marler, HCMA
Kyle Brandstaetter, Bunt & Associates
Paul Dorby, Bunt & Associates
Richard Henry, Richard Henry Architect
- Apologies:** Cpl Marlene Morton
Councillor Craig Keating
Marcus Siu
Tony Weller

Quorum 5

0360-20-ITC

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2012**
The meeting was called to order by Melina Scholefield at 6.02

Agenda was adopted.

The Chair introduced new voting members Mr. Alex Boston and Ms. Susan Skinner (School Trustee), and welcomed Mr. Travers, from the North Shore Advisory Committee Disability Issues, who was observing the meeting.

Ms. Mitic gave a brief update on changes to staffing. Mr. Watson is now on parental leave. She introduced new Transportation Planners Ms. Iona Bonamis and Mr. Stephen Blore.

Minutes from November 2012. One small error noted in the minutes ("repaid" to be replaced with "repaved").

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 be adopted after the above noted change is made.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

3.0 SPIRIT TRAIL – FORBES TO LONSDALE QUAY

Ms. Parker noted the changes that have been made to the design subsequent to the feedback from the November open house.

In response to comments from Committee

- Asked whether a continuous loop for cyclists could be created around Waterfront Park, given that the path south of 33 Chesterfield is pedestrian only. Staff advised unable to go to the retaining wall to the west side of 33 Chesterfield due to steep grade changes. Plus would entail removal of conifer trees.
- Majority of bollards will be removed. Lot of planting to be used for separation. Bollards to be used to delineate intersections.
- South of 33 Chesterfield, City will be putting up signage to communicate cyclists to dismount.
- City has been in discussion with TransLink but unable to move the alignment through the TransLink parking lot.
- Few areas have true curbs, so the design is working with tactile changes to the surface to differentiate the trail from other areas.
- There will be a four metre sidewalk to the north side of the trail leading to Carrie Cates.
- North of 33 Chesterfield, in the service lane, the gate will be removed to allow cyclist/pedestrian access.
- It will connect to the bike route from Carrie Cates to Esplanade and the SeaBus.

Concert Properties Delegation joined the meeting

Alex Boston recused himself from the meeting. He noted a conflict of interest as he is a consultant working on sea level rise adaptation of the the Harbourside project.

Kathleen Callow and Alex Boston Left the Meeting at 6:45pm

4.0 Harbourside Waterfront Rezoning

Ms. Mitic introduced the topic, reminding the Committee of their previous resolution and the items that have been resolved, completed or which are ongoing.

Previous resolution items (current status in brackets):

- parking management strategy (needs more work);
- electric charging stations (have been included in plans for strata parking lots);
- bike share scheme (now included);
- access to Seaspan (due to liability concerns Seaspan are not allowing access through their site);
- shuttle service (to be limited to four years);
- enhancing pedestrian/cyclist experience through Fell/Bewicke/Mackay (ongoing);
- improving rail crossing safety (developer committed to this);
- intersection enhancements (more detail required).

Presentations given by Derek Lee and Paul Dorby.

Comments & Suggestions from the Committee included

- Project appears appealing for pedestrians, more work needs to be done with TransLink or transit service levels/integration.
- Can bus stops be increased?
- Query about parking for existing dog walkers to Kings Mill Walk.
- Concern expressed with angle parking and potential for cyclist/vehicular conflict.
- Concern about lack of play facilities for children, especially older children.
- Would like to see family spaces
- Concern that varying grades (due to sea level rise adaptation measures) will be prohibitive for people with wheelchairs/strollers etc. Request for fewer stairs and less grade differences.
- Suggested creating a Transportation Management Association through the local business association.
- Mews could be less linear, more snaking approach (off set buildings) to make people slow down.
- Physically break up the segments of parallel parking with landscaping.
- Access from Seaspan, concerned that employees will use the on-street parking at Harbourside.
- Perpetuate TransLink subsidy until TransLink has the critical mass.
- Routes: not all services for residential/services can be accommodated via Lonsdale Quay, also wish to open up connectivity to the area at 800 block Marine Drive.

Questions & Answers included

- Q. Will there be public parking in the buildings? A. All buildings will have parking for residential/commercial. There will be no pay parking underground.
- Q. Can angle parking be reverse in parking? A. The plan is to slow down the drivers; it should not be a place where drivers are rushing. Anticipate that cyclists, unless cycling to destination on site, to be using the Spirit Trail routes.
- Q. Have developers/employers considered offering incentives for use of transit? A. There will be a TDM person on site.
- Q. Investigate a bus (shuttle) connection on Marine Drive/West 1st which will connect to Park Royal. Balancing the load between Marine Drive and the intersection delays. A. It was noted that some drivers will use West 1st rather than go up to Marine Drive. We will monitor this. Ms. Mitic noted that the City will specify what traffic mitigation facilities they wish to see as part of the rezoning.

*There was a ten minute break.
The meeting was called back to order at 8:34 pm.*

SPIRIT TRAIL- LONSDALE QUAY SECTION - RESOLUTION:

THAT THE Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the proposed Spirit Trail – Lonsdale Quay section – and is supportive of the design;

AND THAT Council ask staff to monitor pedestrian/cyclist conflict along the route, particularly in high traffic areas, such as Chesterfield Place (south of Carrie Cates Court) and along the road access south of 33 chesterfield place;

AND WHERE interventions are required for these conflicts efforts should be made to go beyond signage and to include design and visual cues to reduce conflicts;

AND THE Council encourage staff to continue to explore opportunities to close the loop for cyclists between the eastern portion of the waterfront park seawall multiuse trail to the service lane to the north via Waterfront Park.

Unanimous

HABOURSIDE REZONING RESOLUTION:

THAT THE Integrated Transportation Committee supports the rezoning and commends the applicant for the compelling streetscape design and quality of the work;

AND THAT the Committee, although supporting the concept, feels that that the following have not been adequately resolved:

THAT THE Committee commends Concert for their idea of working with TransLink to integrate the shuttle concept with public transit, however, the developer should commit to ensuring public transit service is provided to the site from initial construction phase to a point of substantial occupancy of the site, or earlier, if full regular TransLink service is established from the site to the Marine Drive Corridor and Lonsdale Quay;

AND THAT recognising that the development will impact the intersections of Fell and Bewicke at Marine that intersection improvements be funded by the developer to so that the level of transit delay is minimised;

AND THAT consideration of a public bike sharing system be coordinated with regional bike sharing efforts where possible;

AND THAT the Committee recommends that the applicant continues to work with Seaspan to create a publically accessible pedestrian/cyclist connection to the west, and also work with the Squamish Nation to add a connection to the east.

UNANIMOUS

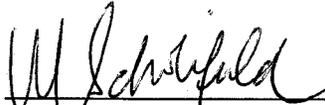
6.0 CITY PROJECT UPDATE
Deferred to next meeting.

7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (member update)
Deferred to next meeting.

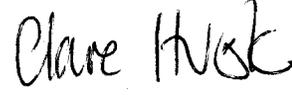
8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38pm



Melina Scholefield, Chair



Clare Husk, Committee Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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