

City of North Vancouver

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

Present: Eugenio Berti
Heather Drugge
Melina Scholefield
Susan Skinner
Ian Williams (from 6:40pm)

Staff: Clare Husk, Committee Clerk
Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Michael Epp, Planner
Dragana Mitic, Manager, Transportation (until 8:10pm)

Presenter: Iona Bonamis, Transportation Planner (until 8:10pm)
Neal laMontagne, Manager, Long Range Community Planning (from 8:25pm)

Apologies Alex Boston
Raj Janjua
Robert Glover

Quorum 4

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Melina Scholefield at 6:05pm with a quorum present.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 be adopted as amended.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

None

3.0 ALL AGES AND ABILITIES (AAA) BIKE NETWORK FOR THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

Ms. Bonamis introduced the topic with the aid of the presentation that had previously been circulated to the members.

Highlights of the presentation

- Existing plans - Long Term Transportation Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan
- What are AAA bike facilities
- Examples from Vancouver and City of North Vancouver
- Map of existing and planned AAA in current 10 year plan
- Discussion of scenarios, linkages, costs, etc.

Staff were requesting Committee feedback on the proposed scenarios, if there was any preference in one, or the creation of a hybrid of scenarios?

Mr. Williams arrived 6:40pm

Discussion from the Committee included:

Intersection costs; TAC guidelines; City roads with differing needs; consultation with other users; antagonism between drivers' lack of acceptance for bike lanes; multiuse paths (pedestrian/cyclist) improvements; hospital precinct; and DCCs (development cost charges).

Scenario discussion included:

- Importance of 13th to 15th Streets, a hub on Lonsdale.
- Jones great as a Triple A route, it connects schools.
- Like the Chesterfield idea, giant north/south gap between Jones and St. Andrews.
- 17th is not a high volume street. Quiet street, but wide, there could be something done to divert traffic.
- Discussion of a hybrid B2, and B1 with Chesterfield.
- Concentrate on local roads first. Quieter streets are the preferable option for all ages and abilities.

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

- Visual cues are good, especially the green paint.
- This is fantastic and what we need. Ability to get to places.
- Nice job on closing the loop and fixing the gaps

RESOLUTION

THAT THE Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bike Network scenarios as presented and strongly supports the development of a AAA bike network in the City;

AND THAT the Committee prefers Scenario B2, which provides more direct options and critical connections to the Central Lonsdale town centre.

FURTHERMORE the Committee recommends that the City consider:

- Flexibility and creativity on arterial space allocations to accommodate AAA bike facilities;
- Opportunities through social marketing initiatives to educate the existing motor vehicle driver base on how to share the road with cyclists;
- In general, multiuser paths are much less desirable as AAA bike facilities due to potential conflicts with pedestrians as cyclist and/or pedestrian volumes increase over time;
- Where possible choose one way single directional bike paths;
- Be prepared to create more cyclist-only facilities/spaces through more aggressive traffic calming;
- Prioritise the gaps, particularly those connecting the central core, specifically the east-west connection (either 14th or 13th Street), and the Chesterfield corridor;
- Explore new and expand existing partnerships, including funding and education, to optimise cross-sectoral benefits.

Unanimous

Adjourned at 8:10PM for five minutes.

4.0 CITYSHAPING DRAFT OCP

Mr. Epp reviewed the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) with particular reference to Chapters on transportation and land use.

Key objectives, transportation (and land use) were a key element of the plan according to the consultation with public.

Identified areas that are not urban centres but are/will be served through rapid transit, those areas have to be more populated.

Key changes to OCP transportation chapter included stronger language than the last draft. Inclusion of key indicators.

Staff seeking feedback from the Committee on whether the general direction of the OCP was appropriate given the challenges the City faces in the next 10-20 years, and whether current and emerging transportation issues were adequately addressed through the policy?

Neal LaMontagne joined the meeting at 8:25PM

After a wide ranging discussion it was regularly moved and seconded

THAT THE Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the Draft OCP Transportation and Land Use sections as presented and commend staff for the evolution of this document, and the vision it presents for a land use and

transportation system that supports a vibrant, connected, healthy and sustainable community.

AND THAT the Committee strongly supports the three transportation goals, and the efforts of the Plan to reduce dependency on single occupancy vehicle trips;

AND THAT the Committee recommends that the City consider:

- The opportunity to expand "live/work" spaces in the City;
- Ensure that the Regional City Centre land use preserves and expands opportunities for commercial uses;
- Align the modal shift targets with the desired GHG targets, and consider increasing the walking, cycling and transit transportation modes target;
- That the future GHG emission targets factor in the contribution that new construction makes to the carbon load;
- What industrial or commercial uses might be needed, for example a transit bus depot, or goods distribution network space.

Unanimous

5.0 CITY PROJECTS
Deferred to next meeting

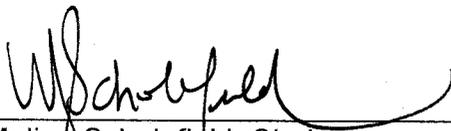
6.0 RESIDENT PARKING POLICY STUDY
Deferred to next meeting

7.0 MEMBERS' TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

Mr. Williams has sent the draft interchange report to the Committee Clerk for circulation to the Committee.

Ms. Skinner gave a verbal update on School District happenings.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm



Melina Scholefield, Chair



Clare Husk, Committee Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 5, February 2014 at 6:00pm in Conference Room A City Hall.