#### THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

#### INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room 141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm

## MINUTES

Present:

**Bradley Cuzen** 

Sgt. Bryan Fedirchuk

Brent Hillier Carol Reimer Christie Sacré Rohan Soulsby

Councillor Tony Valente

Staff:

Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner

Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

Jennifer Draper, Manager, Transportation Planning

Presenters:

Natalie Corbo, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator

Lilian Vargas, Transportation Engineer

**Apologies:** 

Dolores Altin Trevor Bowden Matthew Carter Martin Davies

Patrick Stafford-Smith

Guests:

Fiona Walsh

# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Noting the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, D. Watson called for volunteers for Chair from the floor. C. Sacré volunteered and it was unanimously agreed that she would Chair the meeting.

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C. Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of February 13, 2019 and the agenda of March 6, 2019 were adopted as circulated, with the addition of introduction of new member.

New member, B. Hillier, introduced himself to the committee and members introduced themselves.

#### 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

## 3.0 E-BIKE SHARE UPDATE

N. Corbo presented a PowerPoint presentation.

## Key points included:

- This is an e-bike pilot program shared with the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver. Direction was given by from our Council in November and initial plans were presented to ITC in December for feedback and input.
- The primary outcomes for the program, which flow from our Official Community Plan are:
  - Increase cycling mode share
  - o Increase mobility for a wide range of residents, employees and visitors
  - Decrease barriers to cycling
  - Decrease SOV use.
- Economic development and tourism opportunities can also be enhanced by increased mobility on the North Shore.
- The Request for Proposal for a single operator will be going out very soon.
- Stakeholder engagement with local businesses, non-profits, agencies and internal staff will be continuing over the spring.
- Launch is planned for summer of 2019.
- Key considerations that informed the RFP framework: public realm management, user-friendliness, enhancing mobility, safety, equity and data.
- The workshop with ITC last December helped to inform the RFP framework as well and many of the ideas and concerns raised are being incorporated, i.e. bike availability at key locations, managing potential conflict, infrastructure priorities and metrics for success.
- The bikes will be dockless but returned to painted havens. Haven locations are still being finalized.
- The operator chosen will be responsible for moving bikes that are misparked or otherwise balancing bikes so that supply meets demand.
- The three municipalities plan to hire a Joint Bike Share Coordinator to work on behalf of the whole North Shore.
- Post-launch, the program will be closely monitored in conjunction with the DNV and DWV.

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 The pilot project will last about a year with evaluation and engagement ongoing. Long-term process implementation is planned for fall of 2020.

# 6:20 pm – Councillor Valente arrived.

## Questions/Comments from ITC:

- Will the charging infrastructure be up to the operator or will the municipalities propose it?
  - N. Corbo: At this time, we've left that decision up to the potential operator.
- What about motorized scooters?
  - o N. Corbo: We are not considering those at this time.
- What is the maximum speed for e-bikes?
  - o N. Corbo: They are limited to a maximum speed of 32 km/h.
- What will the fleet size be initially?
  - N. Corbo: Somewhere around 200; we have room to propose a phasing approach.
- Have we experienced problems on shared bike paths, between pedestrians and bikes?
  - N. Corbo: Not in terms of collisions, it's been more a matter of making sure everyone feels safe and comfortable.
  - o T. Valente: When I was chair of HUB Cycling, most months I received emails from people concerned about conflict on multi-use paths.
  - Sgt. Fedirchuk: Perhaps a broad-reaching education program is needed, extra signage, etc.

#### 4.0 SAFE MOBILITY STRATEGY

L. Vargas presented a PowerPoint presentation.

## Key points included:

- Safety is important for mobility, health, sustainability and economics.
- CNV's leadership envisions that the City will become the healthiest small city in the world. This guides the City's policy work and strategy development of community well-being, mobility, city design and environmental resilience.
- The Safe Mobility Strategy (SMS) will be the foundation for the policy work that will guide the future of CNV's transportation. It will outline the vision, principles and goals of safe mobility for residents and visitors to the CNV.
- We need to create a vision that embraces what residents feel and think about safety that also considers our unique context; we are constrained by our topography, we experience long periods of darkness and rain and our City is very attractive to visitors. The vision must also take into account the impact that a Safe Mobility Strategy will have on the delivery of City projects and programs.

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- Three draft vision statements were shown and members were asked to consider which one they felt reflected the strategy the best.
- CNV cannot deliver this strategy alone; we rely on partnerships in health, education, recreation and legislation to enable enforcement.
- This process started in 2016 with a milestone of Vision 0 (the long-term goal of zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries). After identifying action plan key areas and doing data analysis, we are now at the point of implementing a short-term action plan and interim vision. A long term Safe Mobility Strategy by 2020 is the end goal.

## Questions/Comments from ITC:

- I like the mention of people of all ages and abilities in the vision statement; it speaks to those we may not think about as much. Working that ability notion into the vision is important.
- How about "The City of North Vancouver is a community where anyone can safely and comfortably move about regardless of their chosen mode of transportation."? That way we are not singling out or making reference to anything specific. "Anyone" is inclusive.
- The same thing could be achieved by saying "everyone" instead of "all" in the first statement. Verb tenses are different in each; a vision statement implies something forward looking. We don't want to be too passive.
- Using the word "must" may set us up for failure. Some people may not do it simply because they are told to.
- Is there an economic component to this? Businesses should perhaps be a part of it. We need to add that we want to be a city where enterprise can thrive.
- Focus on fun modes of transportation; moving people in ways that are more fun and enjoyable.

#### 5.0 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- The budget has been passed; includes lots of transportation related projects.
- A climate change motion was passed; we have new targets for the City.
- Council recently decided to start charging for some EV charging stations in the City. Electric cars are becoming more main stream; this will be good and provide more access for those users.
- A session was held at City Hall on February 27 regarding Cloverly traffic calming; it was very well attended.
  - J. Draper: This is the second session we have held, the first one was in January and over 100 people attended. This will now be followed up by a report to Council and recommendations.

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7:20 pm – J. Draper and L. Vargas left the meeting.

#### 6.0 ITC - ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET

D. Watson updated the group on the project worksheet.

# 7:25 pm – F. Walsh left the meeting.

#### 7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- B. Cuzan: Bowinn Ma is holding a B-Line Open House at her office on March 18 from 5 7 p.m. It is free to attend and more information can be found at www.bowinnmamla.ca.
- B. Fedirchuk: The RCMP is holding a motorcycle skills event June 15, 11 am -3 pm in the parking lot at North Shore Alliance Church.
- D. Watson: The Province of BC has opened a public consultation on active transportation. It is open from March 1 April 15. A new online consultation question if posted every 2 weeks. It can be found here: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/active-transportation/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/active-transportation/</a>.

#### 8.0 ROUND TABLE

Nothing.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT** – 8:10 p.m.

Chair Signature

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