THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

City Hall, Conference Room A
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Trevor Bowden, Chair
Martin Davies, Vice-Chair
Dolores Altin
Matthew Carter
Bradley Cuzen
Sgt. Bryan Fedirchuk
Brent Hillier
Carol Reimer
Rohan Soulsby
Councillor Tony Valente

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Andrew Devlin, Manager, Transportation
Edythe Barker, Committee Clerk

Apologies: Christie Sacré
Patrick Stafford-Smith

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2019

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

The agenda for November 5, 2019 was adopted and the minutes of October 2, 2019 were adopted as circulated.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Transportation Planner followed up on a question from a committee member at the October meeting regarding the timing of the SeaBus arrivals lining up with the timing of the bus departures.
TransLink has advised that, according to their research, the majority of SeaBus riders do not exchange to/from a bus, therefore the majority of riders see a decrease in wait times. TransLink are considering changes to bus arrival and departure times as part of Phase Three of the Mayor’s 10-Year Vision.

3.0 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

Councillor Valente presented Council’s Strategic Plan.

Questions/Comments from ITC:

- The plan mentions investigating a health economic hub. Can you explain what that means?
  - A health economic hub would mean the area around the hospital being used for health-based businesses such as doctors’ and other health related offices. This would mean that the hospital is being used as an economic driver.

- How does Council’s Strategic Plan align with the objectives of the City’s Official Community Plan in terms of how Council evaluates things that come to them for decision making?
  - The Strategic Plan gives Council a lens to evaluate decisions; the points in the Strategic Plan are high level statements and are Council’s commitment to what we are going to do.
  - Staff: Staff are providing another level of assessment when writing Council reports; they are looked at through the lens of the Strategic Plan as well as the OCP.

- What similar size cities are we measuring ourselves against?
  - We still have some work to do in terms of measurements; hard metrics can be difficult.

- How will you know when you have succeeded?
  - The decisions any Council makes continue on long after that particular Council is gone. In that way, we are getting the pieces into place and in some ways, are already succeeding. We are creating ongoing objectives.

- Some of the documents referred to in the Strategic Plan are quite old. Is the Long Term Transportation Plan going beyond the 2018 plan?
  - At the last meeting, Council approved funding for the work on the Mobility Plan to continue. More work is also coming on rapid transit planning and design.

4.0 SAFE MOBILITY STRATEGY

The Manager, Transportation presented on the Safe Mobility Strategy. It was explained that this strategy is now being re-framed from what ITC was shown earlier this year. It is meant to be a public-friendly policy roadmap to guide current and future decisions.
Questions/Comments from ITC:

- We know that the impetus for this strategy was originally Vision Zero and that is still an important aspect, however, that doesn’t seem to be mentioned in the strategy.
  - It is still there but we have re-framed the wording to make it more positive.
- How do we reconcile road safety, reduced injuries, etc. with getting traffic through our community? If we reduce speed limits, what does that do to overall congestion? We need to find some measure of what we call “safe”.
  - It is a key trade-off; we have to be strategic. We have to be careful about where interventions are made. These things will be flushed out as the strategy moves along.
- This strategy may be hard to endorse when metrics are not known. Perhaps you could use a scorecard.
- Are the actions in the plan meant to be a comprehensive set of actions to be implemented across the City or are these actions a tool box that we can understand as options to be used in specific places when it makes sense? There seems to be a shift in this vision from infrastructure to entitlement which could set you up potentially for failure if it is expected to do all of this everywhere.

Members were encouraged to contact the Manager, Transportation in the future with any further feedback on the Safe Mobility Strategy.

7:08 – 7:15 pm - Break
7:15 pm – B. Cuzen left the meeting.

5.0 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- Council endorsed staff’s report on a prioritized list of corridors for All Ages and Abilities (AAA) mobility lanes.
- Council had the first look at the budget this week. There are a lot of transportation related projects. Committee members were encouraged to provide feedback to Council on the budget.
- HUB Cycling North Shore presented to Council on October 7. They are looking for prioritization for three specific routes across the North Shore.
- The Pedestrian Plan: WalkCNV was endorsed by Council in September.
- Council has directed staff to work with Cycling Without Age North Shore to identify routes where trishaws can be used.

6.0 ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET

D. Watson updated the group on the project worksheet.
7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- TransLink currently has a survey on their website regarding two new major bus routes; one is the Phibbs Exchange to Metrotown Express. Committee members were encouraged to take the survey at: https://www.translink.ca/networkreview.

8.0 ROUND TABLE

- Cycling Without Age North Shore are looking for volunteers.
- Some ITC members have received a letter in the mail asking them to do a 24 hour trip diary. Staff explained this data will assist in planning work moving forward.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

Chair Signature  Date

4 Dec 2019