

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Andrew Robinson (Chair)
Cam McLeod
Brian Polydore
Martin Davies
Becke Gray
Carol Reimer
Ann McAlister
Christie Sacré
Pam Horton

Presenters: Rodrigo Cepeda, GBL Architecture
Bethany Dobson, Bunt and Associates

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
David Johnson, Development Planner
Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk

Quorum 9

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, OPENING COMMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00pm with a quorum present.

It was requested that item 6.0 on the Agenda be discussed prior to item 5.0 and was unanimously agreed upon by the Committee.

It was regularly moved, seconded:

THAT the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 be adopted, with the correction of phrasing on page 3, bullet point 2.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Moodyville Park Master Plan presentation to Council Review – Daniel explained that Council endorsed the concept ITC was shown at the last meeting. The Plan is in the stages of hiring a design team and the most current information can be found on the City website.

- It was concluded that ITC's feedback on the Plan was provided in the Resolution and there is not a need to take the design back to ITC at this time.
- TransLink Mobility Pricing Independent Commission – It was requested at the last meeting that TransLink present on the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission. TransLink is currently in the stages of seeking public feedback and will likely be ready to present to ITC by the end of this year or early next year.
 - A comment was made by the group that TransLink has a very informative website on this topic. Committee Clerk to send a link via E-mail to committee members.
- Review of ITC onboarding process – At the last meeting, the committee suggested a review of the onboarding process of new committee members whereby, for consistency, 2 members' onboard and 2 members' leave every year.
 - Daniel confirmed with the Clerk's Office that this concept would be acceptable.
 - An alternative option was offered by Daniel that ITC could put forward a motion to Council to increase the term left from 2 years to 3 years.
 - Members of the group commented that this process can become very confusing to track. It was concluded that Daniel will present a list of options available to ITC at the next meeting.
- ITC October meeting – A doodle poll was sent out with the Agenda package to determine October's meeting date. Concern was raised by members that they did not want to miss the opportunity to see TransLink's presentation on SeaBus upgrades. The Chair proposed to maintain the regularly scheduled date of Wednesday, October 4th which was agreed upon by the Committee.
 - The Chair will have a separate conversation with those members who could not attend to provide an update of the committee's findings with regards to the TransLink presentation.

3.0 2601 LONSDALE AVENUE PROJECT (RESOLUTION REQUIRED):

City staff member David Johnson introduced himself and provided a brief summary of the rezoning application for the 2601 Lonsdale Avenue development and the proposed offer to sell the City owned road right-of-way between 26th and 27th Street on Lonsdale Avenue to the applicant. This would result in the road right-of-way being closed and replaced with a pedestrian right-of-way, connecting Lonsdale Avenue and the neighbourhood to the west.

Rodrigo Cepeda, representing GBL Architects as the applicant, provided a presentation of the development and concept idea. The development proposes a six storey, 44 unit apartment building, which would accommodate 27 market rental units and 17 strata units with underground parking access on the south end of the site. The underground parking lot would therefore be accessed by Western Avenue to 26th Street or through the north/south lane off of West 27th Street.

Bethany Dobson, Transportation Analyst from Bunt & Associates, presented findings from a Transportation Impact Assessment conducted for the proposed development. The presentation showcased traffic patterns/volume during peak AM/PM commutes in 3 different scenarios: West 26th Street closed to traffic, West 26th Street westbound access only, and West 26th Street eastbound access only. The presentation also revealed that on-street parking demand in the area was busiest during weekday school pick-up at Holy Trinity Elementary, overnight, and on weekends during church events.

David requested feedback from the committee on three main issues:

1. The vehicle right-of-way has become a reliable option for residents to the west; however, as the City population increases, it is seen as a safety concern.
2. Staff would like feedback on the location of the underground parking.
3. Staff would like feedback for the proposed pedestrian right-of-way connecting Lonsdale Avenue to the neighbourhood in the west. It would support maintaining a large existing Cedar tree and the storm water management feature at the west end of the site.

Comments and questions from members included but were not limited to the following:

- **Q:** Can West 25th Street open up to Western Avenue? **A:** No, this section of road is governed by the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Q:** How many parking spaces are being provided per unit? **A:** Approximately 1.6 parking stalls per residential unit which is above the Zoning Bylaw requirement of 1.05 stalls.
- **Q:** How does the new parking garage compare to the existing apartment? **A:** The existing apartment had 11 units and 9 parking stalls. The new proposed development is approximately 4 times the volume.
- **Q:** Will there be lighting on the proposed pathway? **A:** Yes, lighting will be extended across the entire path.
- **Q:** Will the portion of the path that has a 9% grade be safe for all types of pedestrian modes? **A:** Yes, it will be a path for multi-use access. A comparison was made to Chesterfield and Lonsdale Avenue's sidewalks to 13th Street where the sidewalks have an 8% grade.
- It was suggested that sidewalk/cyclist connections in the lane and West 26th Street be considered as there currently is no pedestrian infrastructure on these streets.
- Focus should be placed on connecting the pedestrian path to desirable locations and educating the public that these neighbourhood connections exist.
- Determining existing pedestrian/cyclist patterns and not just vehicle traffic patterns would help with the overall study.
- Committee members agreed upon the proposed location of the parking garage.
- The school on West 27th Street attribute to pedestrian and vehicle congestion during school hours.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed the 2601 Lonsdale Avenue Project and supports the proposed development and commends the applicant for the quality of the proposal including the number of proposed parking space and maintaining of the green space;

AND THAT the committee makes the following additional recommendations:

- The multi-use path is better integrated into active transportation networks in the neighbourhood, including construction of sidewalks on West 26th Street between the proposed pedestrian/multi-use path and Western Avenue;
- Use the path as a catalyst for future eastern to western pedestrian connections.

4.0 PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE:

There is currently a Pedestrian Plan Survey on the City website to gather feedback from the public on how to implement safe, attractive and convenient walking in the City. Sarah Freigang, Transportation Planner with Urban Systems, presented an update on the Plan which is currently being drafted for Council and focuses on 5 themes: connectivity in the City, accessibility and maintenance, safety, creating great places for walking, and education, encouragement and enforcement.

Sarah's presentation focussed on finding feedback on sidewalk infrastructure (whether priority should be placed on the quality or quantity of sidewalks in the City) and pedestrian corridors (identifying and investing in major corridors).

Comments from members included but were not limited to the following:

- Members commented that the on-line survey questions were difficult to answer in an effective way. Daniel appreciated the feedback.
- It was suggested that Universal Accessible Bus Stops are integrated in the Plan when sidewalk infrastructure is improved. Daniel Watson to speak to Wisdom Chan at TransLink and find out more information on this.
- East 14th Street, between Lonsdale Avenue and St. Georges Avenue should be included as a "high-street" since there are many emergency vehicles and pedestrians utilizing this area and commuting to/from the hospital.
- Concern voiced regarding safety during the winter season and ensuring residents are educated and following bylaws to keep sidewalks clear of snow. Daniel commented that the snow removal policy and procedures will be documented as an action item.
- There is a school that is coming to lower Lonsdale and safe route access will need to be considered.

The Pedestrian Plan interactive map will be sent electronically by Daniel to the committee for an opportunity to provide further comment.

Next steps for the CNV Pedestrian Plan include a public Open House on September 9th at the Civic Plaza, analyzing results from the online survey, and refining the Plan's recommendations before taking it to Council in November.

The committee thanked Sarah for her presentation and for her level of knowledge on the Pedestrian Plan.

5.0 ITC MEMBER CONTRIBUTION: VALUES & ENGAGEMENT (cont'd):

Discussion continued on the June 21, 2017 meeting regarding the members feelings towards the value, level of engagement and degree to which the ITC Terms of Reference actually reflects what City/Council want to achieve from the committee.

- There isn't a clear understanding from the membership how Agenda items are chosen to be brought to the committee.
- Members felt that they receive great engagement from CNV and the projects being presented during meetings.
- Members felt that Council representation at meetings is important and viewed as a benefit in order to provide and receive feedback from Council.

- Without Council representation, members are not sure how Council perceives the Committee.
- It was felt that the committee has great membership who provides excellent feedback to Council but information is not returned to the committee to acknowledge their feedback or recommendations.
- Could ITC invite Council to attend specific meetings? Discussion took place on finding ways to improve communication with Council.
- It can be a challenge overall to find enough time in the Agenda to target all the projects that ITC wants to see. Daniel commented that the volume of projects is anticipated to slow down next year due to fewer projects in the consultation phase.

Pam left the meeting at 9:05pm

- Appreciation was felt among the committee to be a part of ITC and not only contribute to projects occurring around the City but also communicate the information they learn to other residents in the community.
- It was requested that a spreadsheet is created for ITC to maintain a roster of projects that are prioritized by level of importance and also track projects that ITC is expecting to come back.
- Can the committee help to set the threshold of what they would like to see come to the meetings?
- Members commented that they are willing to prepare for meetings in advance. It was requested that when the Agenda package is sent out via e-mail, to summarize what the expectations are in the email and detail what the committee should do and prepare for in advance to the meeting.

Daniel mentioned that the City has an ITC worksheet that the committee once used to maintain and prioritize projects. It was concluded that Daniel will provide this worksheet to the Chair who has volunteered to update and add current information to it. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

6.0 ITC FIELD TRIP DISCUSSION:

The Harry Jerome field trip has been postponed to late October to allow for better coordination between the proposed development and the future Harry Jerome Site to happen prior to engagement. City staff advised that both the Integrated Transportation Committee and the Advisory Planning Committee (APC) do a combined field trip that would consist of a small presentation at Harry Jerome followed by a walking tour. It was unanimously agreed upon by ITC that they would welcome a joined field trip with APC.

The City will send out a survey with a list of dates to confirm attendance. It was suggested by the group that Saturday morning's would be a good day to schedule the field trip.

7.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS – STAFF UPDATE:

- **West Keith Road Bike Facilities:** Construction is underway and is expected to finish in November. Road paving to be scheduled in for this Fall.
- **Spirit Trail 5: Mosquito Creek Marina** construction is underway with a completion date set for Spring 2018.
- **Spirit Trail 16: Park & Tilford – Sunrise Park to Lynnmouth Park / Main and Cotton** construction is underway with a completion date set for November.

- **Green Necklace connection from Jones Avenue to Lonsdale Avenue** construction underway with a completion date set for November.
- **Green Necklace Lonsdale Avenue to Grand Boulevard** Open House is September 27th. ITC will be provided an update and shown the preliminary design following the Open House.

An update was requested for the Loutet Casano Pedestrian/Cycling Overpass, the Placemaking presentation and the results from the Expanded Outdoor Dining survey.

Cam left the meeting at 9:25pm

8.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS – MEMBER UPDATE

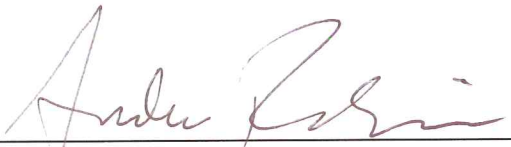
- CNV Pedestrian Plan Open House – Saturday, September 9th at the Civic Plaza.
- Green Necklace, Lonsdale to Grand Boulevard Open House – Wednesday, September 27th from 5-7pm at Silver Harbour Centre.
- TransLink has recently increased various bus routes across Metro Vancouver. The 240 bus route, running Vancouver to Grand Boulevard, has increased its frequency which has improved the operation of the route significantly.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

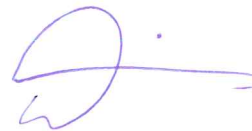
Nothing to report.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.



Andrew Robinson, Chair



Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk