

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Trevor Bowden
Alex Boston (Chair)
Andrew Robinson
Ann McAlister
Brian Polydore
Cam McLeod
Carol Reimer
Christie Sacré
Pam Horton

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Hibby Jensen, Committee Clerk

Presenters: Iona Bonamis

Apologies: Martin Davies
Brian Polydore

Quorum 9

0360-20-ITC

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, OPENING COMMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

The agenda was adopted as proposed with no objections.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

That the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 be adopted.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerk provided update to members regarding word adjustments to resolutions and whether it can be made after resolution is accepted by members at meeting. It was noted that adjustments can be made to provide further understanding and clarification to committees' message. The edited resolution is written in the next set of minutes and approved by committee with approval of the minutes of that meeting.

Chair discussed transportation management plans and requested that they be listed on the website with the after-hours contact information.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously.

3.0 CLOVERLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chair introduced and welcomed City Transportation Engineer, Iona Bonamis.

Iona Bonamis presented the Committee with an overview and update of the Cloverley Neighbourhood Traffic Management Plan.

- Cloverley neighbourhood is bounded by Queensbury Avenue, Brooksbank Avenue, Keith Road and 3rd Street. Over the years shortcutting has become a concern for residents at 4th and Heywood. This year Staff went to Council for funding for a traffic management plan, which aims to stop shortcutting.
- This would be an update to the 2003 traffic management plan which was in place and mainly consisted of safety measures such as speed humps.
- Process started in May 2016, with collected data and resident feedback; Public Open House was held July 2016. During summer staff will be creating a draft management plan and plans to present to public September 20th for feedback.
- October 2016, staff hope to have a plan in place for temporary measures to implement in the fall and to install permanent measures in Spring 2017.

A presentation was made to committee members of the traffic calming plan of 2003 and review of the Cloverley community survey response.

- 89% agree that there is shortcutting, with highest area of concern 4th, 5th, and 7th for shortcutting and Shavington, Heywood and Queensbury for speeding.
- Support was relatively even between circle, humps and diverters.
- Workshop held in July discussed traffic calming measures available. Objective was to have neighbors work together in groups to create different scenarios and suggestions.
- Based on the results, staff came up with a draft plan, which included the following suggestions:
 - Convert 4th St and 6th St between Queenbury and Sutherland to one way street
 - Diverter between Shavington and Heywood
 - Update speed humps (raise higher).

Questions and comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Where will traffic end up? What are the consequences with all the traffic? **A:** This is an issue the City cannot answer. The province is working on re-designing the on ramps.
- There is not one solution that will fix the traffic problem, there is an educational part and also an infrastructural part.
- Our roads are not changing quick enough. **A:** 3rd St will have a better bus/transit service, which will improve traffic in the neighborhood.

- Is shortcutting temporary due to bridge development? Are we creating a permanent solution to a temporary problem? **A:** Shortcutting has been happening for a number of years and not due to interchange. Improvements are temporary for the fall and permanent in the spring.
- Shouldn't you keep the improvements temporary until the interchange is complete? **A:** The interchange will be completed in 2018. The design of interchange will not impact the traffic. 2018 – 2022 for total bridge work to be complete.
- A vehicle accident on 2nd Narrows will back things up, but this will not be as frequent.
- Please explain why it won't affect 3rd St? **A:** There are two lanes instead of one.
- Capacity will be reduced but still have delays. The traffic is trying to get to Deep Cove and not onto the bridge.
- When TMP was finalized, was it considered how you might be diverting the symptom elsewhere? Hoping that the TMP is not disengaged from the outlying communities. **A:** We do consider other neighbourhoods and have spoken to them.
- Is there a current tracking of where vehicles are coming from? Local traffic vs. outside traffic from outside of community. **A:** We have collected volume and speed data in the neighbourhood. We do not have the ability to analyze driver demographics.
- What can be done to calm and enhance active travel and pedestrian options? Enhance connectivity? **A:** Highlighting other transportation options to the neighbourhood.

The Committee recessed at 6:48 pm and reconvened at 6:55 pm with the same members present.

4.0 LOOK THINK GO – PRESENTATION

Iona Bonamis presented the Committee with an overview of the Look, Think, Go campaign. This is a follow up to the video that was shown to the committee at last meeting by Dragana Mitic. Staff would like ITC feedback with suggestions on marketing the message of safety on shared streets and pathways

- 4 key messages are: be safe and focused, be courteous, be cautious, be predictable and visible. The website separates different modes of travel (driving, cycling, walking and boarding) with a tab for each. Each tab elaborates with extra tips.
- Bike road markings and commonly used signs page.
- Look, Think, Go pamphlet created to provide clarity to signs and messaging (passed out to Committee members).
- Integrate logo with etiquette signage.
- Looking to create further videos, and will continue to distribute pamphlets in communities and schools.

City staff have been sharing Look Think Go information at community events, movie nights, Capilano University students orientation day, etc. and are working with RCMP and community policing centres, ICBC, NV Rec. Centres and schools to integrate this with them.

Another safety idea was having elementary students draw pictures on brown paper bags or reusable bags, and have bags distributed at liquor stores. The hope would be to launch this campaign before Christmas to promote “no drinking and driving” message.

Questions and comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Missed a prime opportunity to include people with disabilities and seniors. **A:** Thank you, we will ensure that a photo is incorporated in website and next photo shoot.
- Interpretations of bike road markings for cyclists and drivers. Please continue to discuss in videos, events and share this.
- Is there a maintenance program on green painted lines? **A:** We have moved to thermoplastic road marking paint.
- Campaign missing important messaging for drivers.
- Chair commented that he feels this campaign has a lot of weaknesses and it should have consulted with ITC first, as the committee input could have strengthened the execution of this campaign.
- People do not know how to use a traffic circle.

It was confirmed that this was the first attempt at this campaign and adjustments can be made as printing was minimal. This campaign has been posted on Facebook and City website, but has not been advertised in the North Shore news.

- North Vancouver is the only City which has created this sort of campaign. Why not brag about it? **A:** Yes, these campaigns are usually promoted by ICBC or BCAA. Other municipalities have websites but not a full campaign.
- Suggestions for marketing are as follows:
 - Go to Global TV, spokesperson lives in North Shore
 - Bus shelters, Sea Bus area, Translink (as a public service)
 - Brochures at Autoplan offices and have BCAA distribute
 - MEC can place it on their TV screens in store
 - Doctor offices/Medical clinics
- Driver education would be good when drivers renew license.

Iona appreciated the comments and thanked everyone for their diverse suggestions.

It was suggested by staff, Daniel Watson and Chair that ITC Committee could set aside an hour and make it an item on agenda for brainstorming with some focus regarding multi-use signage issue. Create this for light agenda meetings.

5.0 CYSAT (Children & Youth Safe and Active Travel Working Group)

Iona Bonamis and Christie Sacre are both members of this group. Iona provided Committee an overview of this group and its initiatives. Members in this group represent N. Vancouver School District, Faculty, NV Rec Commission, ICBC, HASTE, (school travel planning hired by City), RCMP and Bylaws. Group meets once every 3 months.

Group participates in the school walk “about” identifying infrastructure around the schools, highlighting accessibility and how to make it safe so families want to walk to school and not just drop off.

- Focuses on all types – wheelchairs, cyclists, skateboards.
- Looking for ways to sustain all the work put into schools after the 18 month program is complete and how to maintain legacy after HASTE moves onto a new school.
- We find that youth and children getting around more safely. When parents ask for things, they are getting a good response. District schools are very envious of our initiatives. The difference is that we are not just looking at infrastructure, but changing the behaviours of the families in the schools.

Questions and comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Are schools securing bike areas for kids to lock bikes at schools? **A:** Bikes are generally not getting stolen.
- Active travel program would be ride-sharing, as most trips are escort trips. This would also reduce congestion and increase safety with less cars on the road.
- Drivers would need an abstract but it is something that could be looked at.
- How do youth know about how to use Transit or compass cards? **A:** Translink has an educational portion.

Thank you to Iona for bringing CYSAT to Committee.

6.0 INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – FIELD TRIP

Iona Bonamis left the meeting at 7:48pm

The floor was opened by Chair to discuss ideas for potential field trips. Last year’s field trip focused on different disabilities for Lonsdale, Sea Bus area and transportation.

- Year 2 Spirit trail and the Port the year before
- Year 3 Green lanes – Bike lanes and pedestrian structure – Parkade visits

There are only enough funds in the budget for one field trip per year. Suggestions for field trip were as follows:

- Accessibility field trip – walking around lower Lonsdale – as an orientation for new members but in a wheelchair as sidewalks vibrate too much
- Hidden Gems of City - Visit communities in City we don’t normally visit, such as Tempe? To visit the far corners of the City
- Parking – visit different parking lots, narrow parking stalls, sub-surface parking, parking at multi-family developments, pay parking, parking safety issues. Developer plans for parking (Developments on all modes of parking and what would be their best practices)
- Connectivity to the City for neighbourhoods above and below the highway
 - How snowplows stop at boundaries between City and District
- Special buildings – “Wallace & Grommet”, Capstone; McNair House. Buildings with public right of way, pedestrian passages.

Field trip will be approximately 3 to 5 hours, typically held on a Saturday. Clerk will send a doodle poll to set a date for mid-October to November. Planning will take approximately 4-5 weeks to organize. Carol Reimer and Pam Horton will be away in October. Daniel can bring ideas forth, but Committee needs to be involved. Ann, Cam and Alex offered to participate in field trip planning.

Field trip may involve further discussion and may need to keep it on the Agenda for next month. Chair requested to move on to other business.

7.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS – STAFF UPDATE

Daniel Watson provided the Committee with a brief update on the following topics.

- West Keith Road Cycling and Multi-use Facilities – Open House to be held in October will circulate a date. Construction is anticipated to start in 2017. This was the project Adolfo Majano presented to ITC last month.
- Spirit trail through Mosquito Creek - General contractor has been hired and work is starting in early November until 2018. Some details are on the website.
- Green Necklace – Construction is underway and anticipated to be completed in December
- Bewicke & Marine – Construction has had some conflicts with gas main that was not properly located. Culvert had to be diverted which delayed project for 4 weeks.
- Bewicke South of 2nd – this part of the road is closed to allow fish to traverse and it can last longer.
- 27th and Lonsdale – wrong pole set. Turning pedestrian signal into a full signal.
- 28th and Westview – Changed the signal there due to a lot of pedestrian crashes. City is putting a lead for the crossing. It has been installed and working; this is a T intersection.
- City has recently installed more parking at 200 block of West 2nd street, adding 15 more spaces of angled parking.
- E Keith Road /Brooksbank - working with District. Hired a consultation for safety in (confusing?) relation with study with what is happening with Mtn. Hwy Interchange. To answer what we need now and what will we need with future – City is heading this one.
- E 29th and Lynn Valley Road – future capacity and safety issues – District heading this one.
- Planning Model - City working with District West Vancouver and District of North Vancouver to review the quantities of cars along all the roads. Metro Vancouver has a model which we are using, but doing it much more densely in North Shore. This model is only looking at cars. Modeling is not entirely correct but it is the best guess.

Questions and comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Hoping the General Contractor on Spirit Trail is not the same as the one who worked on Seymour project. It was over budget.
- Can ITC get a presentation on the Planning Model? **A:** Will try to get City staff to present while working on model. Will also try to get Translink to join in as well.

- Ministry of Transportation – Hwy interchange between 2nd Narrows and Mtn Hwy is planning a 2ND Open House in October. No dates set yet.
- Is there scheduled redevelopment of the Lonsdale intersection: **A:** No

8.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (MEMBER UPDATE)

- Big Conference – Pro Bike – Pro Walk
- Richard Florida event – Sept 8, 2016 West Vancouver –Cypress Village Developer. British Pacific Properties sponsored free event.
- Bike to Work Week – last week in October.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

Questions and comments included but were not limited to the following:

- “Bridgewater”, or Marlborough II, is borrowing additional parking spaces. It has 134 suites which was to include 75 parking stalls. 50 additional stalls are being used from Hollyburn. Is it part of ITC to influence this? Disabled parking is on P1, P2. Disabled parking for Hollyburn I is across the street.
- Developer on building 3 presented to ITC and was challenged due to poor placement of disability parking.
- Underground parking is hard to get into on Marine, which hinders shoppers.
- Is there a secondary market for rental of parking stalls to people who work in the area? Is this happening in Marlborough II? **A:** Hard to study.
- Moodyville has a reduced parking requirement.

Pam Horton left the meeting 8:45p.m.

- Are there final renderings for the building? **A:** City received it last week. Unsure what was posted on the website. ITC made a lot of comments and they are providing car share, and residents with transit passes when moving in?

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Alex Boston, Chair



Hibby Jensen, Committee Clerk

