

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Alex Boston (Chair)
Ann McAlister
Brian Polydore
Heather Drugge
Melina Scholefield
Pam Horton
Robert Glover

Staff: Courtney Miller, Planner 1
Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Tanis Huckell, Committee Clerk

Presenter: Iona Bonamis, Transportation Planner

Apologies: Cam McLeod
Christie Sacré
Gary Goller
Kathleen Callow
Marcus Siu
Pam Bookham, Councillor
Raj Janjua

Quorum 5

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING COMMENTS

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adopt the agenda as presented.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 be adopted.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

4.0 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Iona Bonamis was introduced as one of the City's Transportation Planners and informed the Committee about the SASTP (Safe and Active School Travel Planning) Program. This program was piloted at Queensbury Elementary in 2013 and the City is facilitating its growth to other schools. It encourages children to take safe and active routes to schools.

The City is also spearheading the Children and Youth Safe and Active Travel working group, which has representatives from both public and private schools in the City, the RCMP, TransLink, Vancouver Coastal Health, ICBC, and the North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission.

Discussion ensued, including interest expressed in any follow-up data obtained from the pilot school. Committee members also expressed interest in continuing to encourage students to bike (e.g. via improved infrastructure, connections with HUB cycling, Pedalheads) and pursue active travel options, ride-sharing, and increased transit use to and from school as well as for other organized recreational activities.

5.0 CAR FREE DAY

Mrs. Bonamis reviewed the City's Car Free Day, held on August 22, 2015. It was a successful event and allowed the City to showcase how Lonsdale might look as a car free area. Committee members who attended generally agreed it was a successful event, and were particularly impressed with the bike valets and the recycling efforts.

6.0 TRANSPORTATION MONITORING

Mrs. Bonamis explained the City's current road monitoring plan. To date, the City has been conducting traffic counts to learn about vehicle / pedestrian trends in the City; however, this hasn't been done on a regular basis at the same location. The current plan is to conduct regular vehicle, cycling, and pedestrian counts at a number of locations throughout the City, the idea being to capture where traffic is coming from into the city, as well as how cyclists are using our cycling routes.

Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of this plan, including collection of the data, use of the data, and supplementary sources of similar data (for example, transit ridership data from TransLink or Strava, a running/cycling app). In addition, Committee members discussed alternative locations for data collection, including traffic to and from Lion's Gate Hospital, which is a major traffic generator in this community. Committee members also suggested more count points along the entire Lonsdale corridor, as well as along Jones Avenue, to better monitor pedestrian and transit traffic in these critical areas.

The Committee recessed at 7:10pm and reconvened at 7:25 with the same members present.

7.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS / STAFF UPDATE

Daniel Watson provided the Committee with updates on the following projects:

- Upgrade to traffic signal systems – signals and related computer are being updated. Fiber optic connections to City Hall will enable us to better service and update signals, and learn more about their usage.
- Spirit Trail Section 5 – going through Mosquito Creek Marina. A consultant has been hired. As the path is proceeding through Squamish Nation lands, it is largely predetermined.
- Spirit Trail Section 16 – the Park and Tilford section. There are some geotechnical issues with the grade of this section; work is ongoing.
- Spirit Trail Section 9 – the shipyards. We are working on signage through this area.

- Green Necklace – we are working on extending the Green Necklace on East Keith Road from St. Andrews to Grand Boulevard, and then on Grand Boulevard up to 19th. Public consultation and ITC input will occur later this year.
- Bike projects – the City is reviewing bike standards with respect to speed and volume of traffic, as well as bike routes on Jones from Keith to 4th, Jones from 21st north to the district border, and St. Andrews, from Esplanade to 21st. Also working on the bike route on East 13th.
- West Keith Road – previously came to ITC in July. The City is working on more detailed designs now, based on feedback received. A Trampe bike lift is also under consideration.
- Traffic calming – the Lower Lonsdale East traffic calming plan hasn't been funded in the Capital Plan. The majority of the temporary measures have been removed.
- 3rd Street – the new OCP will have significant impacts in this area. There is a process to develop permit guidelines for the area, part of which is a transportation study. Public consultation and ITC input will occur later this year.
- Lonsdale improvements – right now the City is concentrating on 5th and lower Keith (corner bulges, signal at lower Keith).
- Low Level Road –We are working on a missing bike lane at Gladstone Avenue.
- Bewicke / Marine Drive – considering some sort of pedestrian / bike connections, to where the Spirit Trail ends at Copping Street. This will come to ITC within the next few months.

Pam Horton left the meeting at 8:35pm.

- Lynn Valley Road – working with the District of North Vancouver to obtain better bike infrastructure in that area. Also working with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in an attempt to have input into the design.
- TransLink fares – the Compass Card isn't quite ready for use yet. Temporarily, all of the bus routes will be one zone only. The SeaBus, however, will remain a two zone fare. There is some concern on the part of the City that travellers will take the #240 bus and other busses over the bridges instead of the SeaBus. Staff have written to TransLink expressing concern.

8.0 ITC POLICY AND PLANNING PRIORITIES

This item was deferred due to time constraints. Alex Boston encouraged the Committee to consider topics that members could personally research and present, in an attempt to minimize meeting cancellations due to light agendas. This would be particularly useful for topics in which staff aren't already actively engaged.

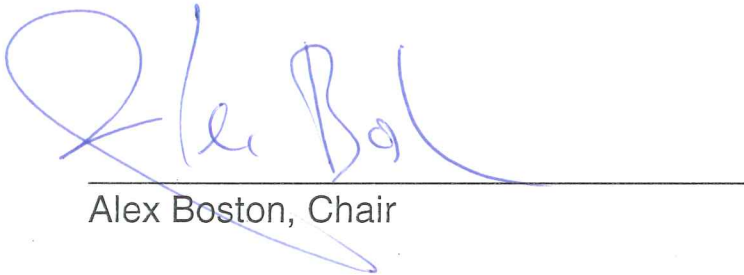
9.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (MEMBER UPDATE)

Heather Drugge informed the group that Bike to Work Week will be the last week of October.

Mr. Boston informed the group that the BC Climate Action Plan 2.0 is out for consultation.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was regularly moved, seconded and agreed by unanimous consent that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.



Alex Boston, Chair



Tanis Huckell, Committee Clerk

