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INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto and Members of Council

From: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: 2014 ANNUAL REPORT – INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Integrated Transportation Committee – 2014 Annual Report by Melina Scholefield (past Chair) and Heather Drugge (past Vice Chair)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council members with the 2014 Annual Report as composed by the City of North Vancouver's Integrated Transportation Committee (ITC).

This Committee advises Council and staff on transportation policy, planning and mobility issues within the City of North Vancouver. The focus is on active transportation (walking and cycling), transit, and the integration of all modes of transportation (including walking, cycling, transit, goods movement, and general purpose vehicles).

Membership is comprised of 13 citizen representatives from the community with one member each from the Squamish First Nation, RCMP, Port Metro Vancouver, and School District 44. Councillor Pam Bookham is the Council liaison.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Daniel Watson
Transportation Planner

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE

The Integrated Transportation Committee advises Council and staff on transportation policy, planning and mobility issues within the City of North Vancouver. The focus is on active transportation, and transit as well as the integration of all modes of transportation including walking, cycling, transit, goods movements, and general-purpose vehicles. The ITC is interested in strengthening transportation system efficiency and optimizing the integration between land use and transportation.

MEMBERS

The committee comprises 13 citizen representatives from the community with one member each from the Squamish First Nation, RCMP, Port Metro Vancouver, and School District 44.

2014 In Review

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The ITC reviewed the draft OCP in January and voted unanimously to commend staff for excellence in land use and transportation planning. Further, the committee supported the three main transportation goals set out in the OCP:

- Prioritize walking, cycling, transit and goods movement over single-occupancy vehicles
- Integrate Land Use and Transportation Planning to reduce the need for car travel
- Support a safe, accessible, resilient, and affordable transportation system

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

GREEN NECKLACE at Mahon Park

The ITC reviewed the design for the Green Necklace along Jones at Mahon Park. The committee supported the project and alignment enthusiastically, but urged staff to increase the width of the multi-use path to reduce conflicts between people walking, cycling and walking with dogs. The committee recommended that any displaced parking be explored in adjacent, underutilized areas. As well, the committee recommended that greater consideration be given to the on-street cycling facility vis a vis safety.

CYCLING

All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Cycling Network

The committee reviewed options for a AAA cycling network and recommended option B2 which provides direct routes to common destinations and connections to the Central Lonsdale town center. The committee voted unanimously to support the AAA network.

Chesterfield AAA Cycling Facility

Staff brought a proposed design for the Chesterfield AAA cycling facility to the committee for comment and resolution. A two-phase approach will lead to protected facilities on both sides of the street, starting with a protected northbound lane. The committee voted unanimously to support this approach.

PARKING

Affordable Housing Parking Policy

At the request of council, staff were directed to look at parking policy in the city vis a vis affordable housing. Staff came to the ITC to provide details regarding how parking policy might impact affordability. The committee supports amending parking requirements to better reflect unit sizes and unit tenure. Further, ITC recommended that staff consider exploring parking standards that constrain the parking supply for the future and discourage oversupply. In addition, ITC supports the proposal to reduce parking where secondary suites and coach houses are allowed on the same lot as well as unbundling parking from condo and apartment units.

1549 St. Georges

The proposed re-development of this property included a variance to the number of required parking stalls. The ITC supported a dramatic reduction of required parking stalls based on the location of this building's proximity to transit facilities and the need for rental properties in the city.

Laneway Parking

The committee had previously approved the idea of exploring how laneway parking might help to alleviate parking shortages in the Central Lonsdale area. The ITC supports laneway parking in some limited areas, on a case-by-case basis and only when adjacent on-street parking was removed as may be the case with the installation of a new cycling facility. Overall, the committee felt that the topic required more analysis.

Parking Stall Standards – Off Street Parking

Staff recommended increasing the size of off-street parking spots from 2.44 m to 2.5 m. The committee supported the resolution, but only for commercial, visitor and non-residential uses. The committee also recommended giving preferred locations to smaller vehicles and exploring small car space widths, which could potentially go below the current standard.

EXPLORING TRANSPORTATION TOPICS

Streetscape Standards

The committee participated in two excursions this year. In conjunction with a meeting, the first outing was a walking tour of the Central Lonsdale area. City of North Vancouver Streetscape Planner, Alex Kurnicki, guided us through a tour of the built environment, introducing us to many aspects of the City's streetscape standards in the real world. Features like curb and bus bulges, narrowed pedestrian crossings, seating, aggregate and concrete sidewalk treatments, new tree planting and watering technology were explored.

Goods Movement & Land Use

The second field trip explored the port, industrial and commercial lands and the new Low Level Road. We invited members of the Advisory Planning Committee. With an emphasis on goods movement and land use, this tour showed committee members port facilities and some of the industrial operations along the port perimeter within the City. Port Metro staff members, Marcus Siu and Ian Galsworthy described the different kinds of terminals represented. This tour brought home to members the importance of the continuing need for the city to protect industrial / commercial zoned lands. Innovative ways to include residential developments like the Harbourside project on commercial land are possible.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015

Members of ITC are looking forward to working with staff and council during 2015. We welcome new members: School Board Director, Christie Sacré and Councillor, Pam Bookham.

We would like to thank all of the members and volunteers of the committee including Councillor Craig Keating and staff including Clare Husk, Tanis Huckell, Iona Bonamis, Daniel Watson, Dragana Mitic, Courtney Miller and Michael Epp for their work on behalf of transportation in the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Scholefield
Chair

Heather Drugge
Vice-Chair