

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Alex Boston (Chair)
Ann McAlister
Brian Polydore
Cam McLeod
Christie Sacré
Heather Drugge
Pam Horton

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

Presenter: Tim Ryce, Assistant Manager, Inspections
Adolfo Majano, Transportation Planning Engineer

Apologies: Gary Goller
Kathleen Callow
Marcus Siu
Melina Scholefield
Pam Bookham (Councillor)
Raj Janjua
Robert Glover

Quorum 5

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, OPENING COMMENTS

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 pm with a quorum present. With no amendments to the agenda, A. McAlister moved to adopt it and H. Drugge seconded. Adopted by unanimous consent.

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, April 1, 2015 be adopted.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

H. Drugge has completed an ITC information card, to be reviewed by the City's Communications Department. The Chair thanked Ms. Drugge for her work on this item.

Staff confirmed that the Annual Report has been forwarded to Council via an information report.

4.0 UNIVERSAL ACCESS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Boston introduced Mr. Tim Ryce, the Assistant Manager of Inspections for the City.

Mr. Ryce indicated he was attending to talk about accessibility requirements, and how municipalities administer the Building Code.

The BC Building Code is a provincially regulated document, based off a national model. A new building code is implemented every five years, and there are generally midstream amendments. The Building Code identifies the minimum standard to which a developer is allowed to build.

There are five objectives: safety of live, safety of buildings, general health of occupants, accessibility, and energy efficiency (the last was inserted into the Code in 2008). These five objectives are set as equals; there cannot be more emphasis put on one, depending on which group is being serviced.

According to the code, *access* or *accessible* means that a person with disabilities is, without assistance, able to approach, enter, pass to and from, and make use of an area and its facilities. A *person with disabilities* means a person who has a loss, or a reduction, of functional ability and activity and includes a person in a wheelchair and a person with a sensory disability. This

includes both permanent and temporary needs. The Building Code typically applies to everything inside the property line; it can't affect the public realm beyond the property line.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's Adaptable Design Guidelines, which are in addition to the barrier-free requirements of the current Building Code. These guidelines are a powerful tool that allows the City to both incentivize and require some buildings to go quite a bit further than required by the Building Code.

Recently the province has introduced new legislation to streamline building requirements. This new Building Act (Bill 3), introduced on February 12, 2015, will enable the following provisions¹:

- Authorize the Minister to enact building codes and other regulations relating to building and requires the Minister to hear certain requests for variations from those codes and regulations;
- Limit the jurisdiction of local authorities in respect of building;
- Provide for the qualification and regulation of officials who take certain decisions on behalf of local authorities in relation to building codes and other regulations relating to building, and provides for delegation outside government of the administration of the qualification and regulation of those officials;
- Continue the Building Code Appeal Board; and
- Provide for the recovery of costs to the government of variation requests and applications to the Building Code Appeal Board.

Per the Province, the Building Act proposes to²:

- Streamline building requirements – ensuring building requirements are the same throughout BC by establishing the Province as the sole authority to create building requirements.

¹ <http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archive/2015-archive/building-act-introduced.html>. Retrieved on July 9, 2015.

² <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/building-act-modernized-for-efficiency-productivity-innovation>. Retrieved July 9, 2015.

- Establish mandatory qualifications for local building officials – improving the interpretation, application and enforcement of the BC Building Code by making sure building officials have standard qualifications.
- Expand provincial review – furthering the Province’s ability to review innovative building proposals (such as the Wood Innovation Design Centre in Prince George).

Mr. Ryce suggested that as this Act will essentially repeal all local government regulation that requires more than the Building Code, City staff are actively working with the Province in an effort to minimize the impacts to City initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning of the provincial government in making these changes.

The Province has suggested that “with a more streamlined and modern building regulatory system, the act would reduce costs and improve efficiency, productivity and innovation in the construction sector.”³

T. Ryce was thanked very much for his time, and he expressed his willingness to attend future meetings.

Committee members felt the issue was important enough to merit a resolution. This was ultimately discussed later in the meeting, but is placed here for clarity’s sake:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ITC is deeply concerned with the provincial government’s intention to standardize the BC Building Code through the implementation of the February 2015 Building Act through regulation;

THAT the ITC is principally concerned about disability access, but is similarly concerned with the implications for adaptable design, occupant and building safety, as well as energy and carbon management;

³ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/building-act-modernized-for-efficiency-productivity-innovation>. Retrieved July 9, 2015.

THAT the ITC encourages staff and Council to impress upon the provincial government the critical role local governments have played in protecting and advancing policies that improve disability access, as well as these other Building Code objectives;

THAT this local government leadership is a central part of the market transformation process, and provides direction to the provincial government for the next generation of building code updates;

AND THAT the ITC encourages the City of North Vancouver to work with other municipalities, professional associations and real estate developers to provide this leadership.

The resolution was regularly moved and seconded. With none opposed, the motion carried.

5.0 WEST KEITH ROAD / WEST 13TH STREET CORRIDOR

Mr. Adolfo Majano introduced himself and began to speak to one of the City's current Cycling Projects, on West Keith Road / West 13th Street. The first Open House for this project was held on June 24 and the City is still looking for feedback at this point in time.

Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the project, including but not limited to:

- corridor conditions; issues and constraints
- ICBC crash data
- use of this area for parking, by residents, employees and nearby businesses, and "park and riders"; parking management should be incorporated into the final design
- separation from traffic important if this is going to be an "all users" pathway
- future of the 5-way intersection at Keith / Marine Drive / West 3rd / Bewicke
- linkage of this with various other bike routes already developed in the City

The Committee wished it noted in the minutes that they appreciated being consulted by the City at this early stage of the design process.

With no other questions, A. Majano encouraged members to contact him directly. Any feedback would be appreciated. The next Open House is likely to occur around October. The website for the project is <http://www.cnv.org/City-Services/Streets-and-Transportation/Cycling/Cycling-Projects/West-Keith-Road>.

ACTION: Committee Clerk to send survey link to members.

The Committee recessed at 7:40pm and reconvened at 7:55pm with the same members present.

6.0 ITC PRIORITY INTERESTS – FOLLOW-UP

The list of ITC priority interests was briefly reviewed. It was agreed to revisit the list at a time when there is a quieter agenda.

7.0 DISABILITY ACCESS FIELD TRIP – FOLLOW-UP

All involved in organizing the field trip on June 13 were thanked.

Committee members reviewed A. Boston's Disability Field Trip Learning Highlights. P. Horton reiterated an offer to recreate this field trip with anyone interested at another time, for any members who were unable to attend.

It was suggested that various observations from the trip were valuable enough to share with a wider audience. Discussion ensued regarding attending the Advisory Design Panel to share the Committee's observations. Strengthening the North Shore ACDI's (Advisory Committee on Disability Issues) ability to advocate, rather than simply advise, was also considered.

It was ultimately decided that P. Horton would reach out to ACDI, and A. Boston would reach out to the Advisory Design Panel.

A resolution was crafted, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff review the ITC Field Trip Learning Highlights and consider opportunities for enhancing processes so disability access and awareness can be strengthened in policy, planning and development related to public and private realms;

AND THAT Staff seek opportunities to integrate disability access into the City's long range transportation and land use and development planning activities.

The resolution was regularly moved and seconded. With none opposed, the motion carried.

Staff were reminded that part of the resolution process is to report back to the Committee on any action taken.

8.0 STAFF UPDATE

D. Watson reported that the new signal at Queensbury and East 3rd is operational.

The Safe Routes to Schools program is underway at Ridgeway and Larson Elementary Schools, and the program will be commencing in the fall at Queen Mary Elementary and Westview Elementary Schools.

Some other large projects that will be developing in the fall will be the Green Necklace connection along East Keith Road and the Green Necklace connection along West Grand Boulevard. Consultation will start in the fall.

Another potential project will be some transportation changes around the 4/5/600 blocks of East 3rd. An Open House should occur after the summer holidays. We are currently collecting data; no designs have been presented to the public yet.

On July 7, Council chose Fen Burdett Stadium as the location for a third ATF (artificial turf field).

P. Horton left the meeting at 8:35pm.

On the 200 block of East 13th Street, a separated bike lane has been implemented (between parked cars and the sidewalk). There should also be improved bike facilities on the 100 block of East 13th Street once the Onni development is complete.

There will be construction on West 3rd Street between Forbes Avenue and West 2nd Street. Construction should start later this

month and involves creating a bike path / multi-use path east/westbound. Construction is expected to take around ten weeks.

A Committee member inquired about the traffic calming measures in Lower Lonsdale. Council has decided not to fund these measures, and as such, the temporary traffic circles placed will be removed.

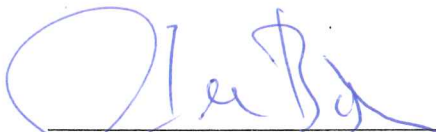
Council has directed staff to bring forward a bylaw for consideration that requires warning labels on gas pumps regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

9.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (MEMBER UPDATE)

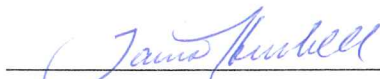
The TransLink plebiscite was briefly discussed. With a “no” result, in the short-term future there is no additional funding forthcoming for North Shore transit services.

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