

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Andrew Robinson (Chair)
Ann McAlister
Becke Gray
Brian Polydore
Christie Sacré
Martin Davies
Pam Horton
Trevor Bowden

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

Apologies: Cam McLeod
Carol Reimer

Quorum 8

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER, OPENING COMMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:10 pm with a quorum present.

It was put to members that the Agenda be adopted. Motion to approve was moved and adopted.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 be adopted.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

3.0 GREEN NECKLACE – Jones to Lonsdale Avenue Review

City staff member Adolfo Majano presented ITC with an update of the Green Necklace's Concept. The first section is from Jones Avenue to Lonsdale Avenue. This section was presented to residents for consideration at the 2nd Open House held on March 9th. The following are the main points of feedback and design objectives:

- Most important concerns by senior groups were wayfinding, safe crossings and inclusivity.
- 300 block residents main concern was preserving street parking and road width.
- The boulevard will buffer the parking from the path. City has a 3 meter objective for MUP width. This might increase to 3.5 meters if possible on the 300 block depending on the final option implemented.
- The Carson Graham site is the biggest activity generator because of student's access and sports fields' activity. Mahon Park is also a significant activity area.
- Improvements of Carson Graham drop off operations and improve intersection safety.

The feedback and proposed design from Jones Avenue to Lonsdale Avenue was presented to Council on Monday April 3, 2017. Council approved the project but expects further consultation with the residents of the 300 block of West 21st Street about possible implementing a cul-de-sac at the intersection of Jones Avenue and 21st Street. City staff will conduct a survey of residents of the 300 block area to consider the cul-de-sac option.

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

- Width of path to reduce bicycle and pedestrian conflicts: it would be ideal if it can be made wider
- Utilization of school drop off zones: will need to work with the school and conduct further analysis
- Proper signage: to increase safety especially downhill and at creek
- Online survey responses: the survey will be handled in hard copy only due to time constraints but results will be made public
- Grades are important for people who use mobility aides: Design team ready to meet personally with anyone interested in discussing design specifics

Following a discussion by members the resolution below was put forth by ITC members:

RESOLUTION:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Integrated Transportation Committee, having reviewed the preliminary design, supports the Green Necklace Section 1: Jones to Lonsdale design.

AND THAT the Committee makes the additional following recommendations to be considered as project moves forward to detailed design of Jones to Lonsdale – Section 1:

Committee encourages City staff to take into full consideration the interest and concerns of potentially affected residents to resolve outstanding issues.”

It was moved by B. Polydore and seconded to accept the resolution as written.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 7:12pm and reconvened at 7:22pm with the same members present

4.0 PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE:

City staff member Daniel Watson and consultant Sarah Freigang of Urban Systems presented members with an update on the City's Pedestrian Plan and a review of the project process. Using feedback from communication and engagements, they will be preparing a report based on technical analysis with a recommendation of the plan.

Members were asked to make suggestions. Comments and questions from members included but were not limited to the following:

- Quality of bus shelters at transit stops.
- Placement of crossing buttons at 13th and Chesterfield SE corner. City staff has adjusted this (button was measured from base of pole, not from sidewalk).
- Some trails and connections, e.g. the Jones overpass is not well known by residents. The City should work on wayfinding and increasing awareness.
- Look for opportunities in back alleys for pedestrian walks.

5.0 NORTH SHORE SPEED REDUCTION FORUM:

North Shore Safety Council member, Carol Sartor presented their findings on the "Reducing Neighbourhood Speed Reduction Forum held on January 23rd, 2017.

This community event was attended by 90 people and had presentations by:

- **Sgt. Bryce Petterson, North Vancouver RCMP** – the role of enforcement in pedestrian / cyclist safety
- **Iona Bonamis, City of North Vancouver Transportation Planner** – was to discuss the CNV's educational campaign "Look-Think-Go" to promote sharing the road. She was unable to attend, and was replaced with Carol Sartor.
- **Carol Sartor, HASTe BC** – reviewed the work in the City of North Vancouver and West Vancouver by HASTe to encourage more active school trips.
- **Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Chief Medical Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health** – Share the benefits to increasing active transportation on our health and the impact of speed on injury severity.

The Panel discussion consisted of representatives from all three districts:

- Councillor Linda Buchanan – City of North Vancouver
- Councillor Matthew Bond – District of North Vancouver
- Councillor Christine Cassidy – West Vancouver District
- Tony Valente – North Vancouver HUB Chair
- Carol Sartor – HASTe BC
- Sgt. Bryce Petterson , North Vancouver RCMP
- Constable Jeff Palmer, West Vancouver Police Department
- Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Chief Medical Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health

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

- ICBC helps with safety blitzes
- Bicycles are defined as a motor vehicle. Need education on respect of space
- Pedestrian crossings and proper understanding of when to cross.

6.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS – STAFF UPDATE

- **West Keith Rd. Bike Facilities** construction summer 2017
- **Mosquito Creek Spirit trail** - Public Info Sessions in May and getting to work in the summer. Completion is planned for Spring 2018.
- **Green Necklace E. Keith and Grand Blvd.** – Signs and markings have been reviewed and should be complete by end of April.
- **Green Necklace** (St. Georges to Grand Boulevard) will have its 3rd Open House in September.
- **Cloverley TMP** - Further data will be collected on some of the other routes with possible overflow. Implementation to start in May/June.
- **Park & Tilford Spirit Trail** – Open House should be coming up in June/July. Construction to start late summer and into the fall.

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

- Is there a pedestrian plan in place for the development site on Carrie Cates Court? Left turn lane on Rogers & Esplanade has site-line issues for drivers. Flagger's communication to persons with disabilities noted.
- Paving Keith Road and East Grand Boulevard intersection requires signage. Due to weather it has been delayed, and City is aware.
- North Shore Municipal Transportation Committee: Manager of Transportation and more senior staff involved. Currently we meet with the districts at a Transportation Group level.

7.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS (MEMBER UPDATE)

West Van – April 18th – Stop or Go – at Community Centre West Vancouver, 7:00pm
Kevin Evans, Gordon Price, D. Mary Frank, Adrian Bell.

Ride Along – TransLink: Directors attended and was pleased with the learning experience. A report will be written.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

Lions Gate Hospital: applications have not been received by City's community development department.

Lonsdale Quay Loop upgrade: Would like to have TransLink present to ITC a timeline or update on bus-loop upgrade. D. Watson to follow up.


Field Trip 2017: Members were asked to make suggestions for upcoming fieldtrip. It was suggested to visit places not well known in the City.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Andrew Robinson, Chair



for Hibby Jensen, Committee Clerk