

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room  
141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

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**M I N U T E S**

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**Present:** Andrew Robinson (Chair)  
Cam McLeod (Co-Chair)  
Christie Sacré  
Becke Gray  
Brian Polydore  
Martin Davies  
Trevor Bowden  
Ann McAlister

**Staff:** Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner  
Adolfo Majano, Transportation Planning Engineer  
Justin Hall, Planner 1  
Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk

**Apologies:** Pam Horton  
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 6:00pm with a quorum present.

It was put to members that the Agenda be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

**THAT** the minutes of the regular Integrated Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 be adopted.

**2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Universal Accessible Bus Stop** - Nothing to report. The employee at TransLink who facilitates this is on maternity leave.

*Christie Sacré arrived at 6:05pm*

**Onboarding Process (Resolution Required)** - At the last meeting, it was requested by the committee that the onboarding process is reviewed and refreshed. Daniel presented a spreadsheet to the committee that offered 3 options:

1. In 2018, allow 2 members a 1 year long 3<sup>rd</sup> term. In 2020, allow 1 member a 1 year long 3<sup>rd</sup> term;
2. In 2018, appoint 2 new members with 1 year first terms. In 2020 appoint 1 new member with a 1 year first term, but allow each of these members 2 year 2<sup>nd</sup> terms;
3. In 2018, appoint 2 members with a 1 year long 2<sup>nd</sup> term. In 2020 appoint 1 member with a 1 year long 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Option 1 was recommended by Daniel as it allows existing members the opportunity to stay an additional term, it simplifies the terms of reference, and provides the best rotation and community representation.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

**THAT** in order to create a more even turn-over of committee members over time, ITC request that Clerks appoint 2 members to a 3<sup>rd</sup> term of 1 year duration in 2018, and 1 member to a 3<sup>rd</sup> term of 1 year duration in 2020.

- **TransLink SeaBus presentation** – The City is pushing for a commitment from TransLink to present any material or information they have in November.
- **TransLink Mobility Pricing Presentation** – TransLink will hold a series of workshops in the New Year and will bring a presentation to ITC in Spring 2018.
- **Loutet/Casano Overpass Report** – Committee Clerk to send the report to ITC once Council has had an opportunity to review the report.
- **Placemaking Presentation** – To be brought to ITC in December.
- **Expanded Outdoor Dining Survey Results** – City staff member, Suzanne Smith is compiling the results and will be submitting the report in an Information Package to Council in late October. Committee Clerk to send the report to ITC once Council has had an opportunity to review the report.

### **3.0 GREEN NECKLACE – LONSDALE TO GRAND BOULEVARD (RESOLUTION REQUIRED)**

City staff members, Justin Hall and Adolfo Majano presented the preliminary design of the final section of the Green Necklace, Lonsdale to Grand Boulevard. Throughout the summer, City staff engaged with residents, stakeholders and neighbouring businesses around the route through a series of meetings. Feedback received was summarized and included in an Open House presentation held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. City staff will continue to collect feedback from committees, residents and stakeholders and will finalize the design with construction anticipated to commence in Spring 2018. Information boards that were presented at the Open House and at the ITC meeting can be found on the City website.

Questions and feedback included:

- Members commended the improvements planned for the Eastern Avenue and East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection.

- **Q:** Has there been consideration for advanced crossing signals for bicycles/pedestrians to the intersection of St. Georges Avenue and East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street? **A:** Currently, there will be no changes to the signal. Adjustments will be considered as part of the Harry Jerome project.
- **Q:** Has a safety analysis been conducted to ensure the safety of the current route will continue to operate safely once the green necklace is constructed? **A:** Yes, studies have been conducted and the intersection is deemed safe.
- **Q:** The lead-up to the bench has an 8% grade. Can this path be used for accessible modes of transportation? **A:** Yes, an 8% grade is the maximum grade for accessible use. Switchbacks will be introduced for ease of use and rest areas will be situated along the path.
- It was suggested that plantings are made around the switchbacks to create a barrier to ensure people are staying on the path and not cutting through, or that a formal path or stairs are provided.
- **Q:** Will there be any significant trees cut down along the bench? **A:** There will be no significant trees cut down. The old road bed was already quite disturbed and invasive species have taken its place. The City will want to plant some vegetation and trees in that area.
- **Q:** Is there an access point along the upper bench? **A:** There will be an improved pedestrian crossing at East 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Boulevard.
- Currently, the path between East 20<sup>th</sup> and Grand Boulevard is heavily forested. It was suggested that the path be opened up and cleared to feel more welcoming.
- **Q:** What will the retaining wall look like? **A:** The City would like to incorporate a natural looking retaining wall and will be avoiding any blockwork.
- **Q:** What will the lighting look like? **A:** The pedestrian lights look similar to the Spirit Trail, will be 15 feet high and spaced at even intervals.
- **Q:** How wide is the path? **A:** We have been able to achieve a 3 meter width in the entire section. However, along the route where there are significant trees, we have shrunk the path by a small margin to accommodate the features.
- **Q:** Will there be any fencing placed along the steeper parts of the path? **A:** The plan is to construct the path as far away from the edge as possible to avoid having to put up fencing and to avoid any risk of erosion. Any fence the City decides to construct will be built .6 of a meter away from the path.
- **Q:** Will there be painted symbols along the Green Necklace similar to the symbols on the Spirit Trail? **A:** Currently, there is no specific design standard for the Green Necklace. There is a separate study that is looking into wayfinding on trails which could be introduced to the Green Necklace down the road.
- Members commented that there is a great opportunity to hold a celebration for the “clasping” of the Green Necklace to thank the community for coming together and celebrating what they helped build.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

**THAT** the Integrated Transportation Committee reviewed the Green Necklace Preliminary Design: Lonsdale to Grand Boulevard project and supports the development;

**AND THAT** the committee also commends the City for its good work and for addressing local residents’ concerns in the current design.

#### 4.0 ITC MEMBER CONTRIBUTION: VALUES & ENGAGEMENT (CONT'D)

Daniel provided the committee with a brief overview of the ITC worksheet that was once used to maintain and prioritize projects. The worksheet was established when the committee was created and was later refined by the previous Chair of the committee through a “sticky note” exercise. Over time, as the Agenda’s filled up and the number of presentations increased, the worksheet wasn’t moved forward. Daniel and the Chair are scheduled to meet in the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> to formalize the document and will send the update out to the committee once completed. The committee unanimously agreed to the plan.

Other comments made by the group included the following:

- It was suggested by the group that the committee should have an opportunity to provide comments of issues/concerns occurring in the City to bring to the staff’s attention (i.e. RV’s parking on Harbourside Drive).
  - It was concluded that the CityFix app is an easy and effective way to communicate to City staff about general issues occurring in the City.

The Chair has reached out to Councillor Pam Bookham via e-mail to begin discussion regarding Council representation at committee meetings and is waiting to hear back.

#### 5.0 CURRENT CITY PROJECTS

- **Pedestrian Plan Consultation:** Reviewing information from the consultation and preparing a Draft plan – to be presented to ITC in November.
  - The Chair thanked members for sending their comments to Daniel and completing the survey.
- **Low Level Road:** Hired project management. Construction to begin late October or early November.

Comments from the committee included the following:

- Ann attended an Open House for the proposed 170 residential unit development with underground parking on East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Lonsdale Avenue. Concern was raised of the likelihood that traffic volume will increase on East 8<sup>th</sup> Street with residents exiting onto St. Georges Avenue. Daniel will follow up with Michael Epp, Director of Planning to find out more information and to see if this project should be coming to ITC.
- The proposed medical centre development has received approximately 50% of the funds needed to begin building and also has a conceptual design of the building ready for the public. This will be a major traffic generator for the City. Daniel will find out more information on this and will try to connect with the local representative from Coastal Health to find out more information on the design.

- **Q:** Any updates on the Lynn Valley and Brooksbank interchange project? **A:** Liliana Vargas, Transportation Engineer who has been fielding this project has been out of office for the past week. Daniel will follow up with Liliana upon her return to the office to receive an update.

## 6.0 TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- October 5, 2017 - Sustainability Community Breakfast at the Pinnacle Hotel presented by Metro Vancouver discussing Regional Growth Trends and Strategies;
- October 23-29, 2017 - Bike to Work Week.

## 7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) currently uses the Harry Jerome parking lot when attending local meetings in the area. Will the parking lot exist with the new proposed development? Daniel responded that the land where Harry Jerome is now will become residential towers and Harry Jerome will move into the block on East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. There will be no surface parking, only underground parking.

CNV and NVSD received a Climate and Energy Action Award in September for their partnership and efforts in reducing the number of vehicles driving to and from schools through the Safe and Active School Travel Program (SASTP).

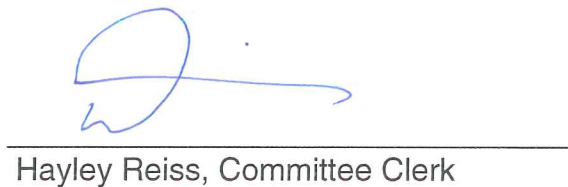
Daniel is looking to push a date in November for the Harry Jerome field trip.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm



Andrew Robinson, Chair



Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk