

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Transportation Committee (Bicycle Advisory Group) was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, **2015 February 11** at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair (*arrived at 6:22 p.m.*)
Councillor Colleen Jordan, Member
Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Amber Keane, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Maria Marano, Citizens' Representative

B.A.G.: Mr. Chris Siggers, Bicycle Advisory Group
Ms. Sally Pankratz, Bicycle Advisory Group

STAFF: Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Traffic & Parking Management
Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning
Ms. Lee-Ann Garnet, Assistant Director, Long Range Planning
Ms. Leah Libsekal, Transportation Planner
Mr. Ian Wasson, Urban Design Planner
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- (a) **Open meeting of the Transportation Committee held
on 2014 September 10**

MOVED BY MS. M. MARANO:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. JORDAN:

“THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee Open meeting held on 2014 September 10 be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

- (a) **Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning**
Re: Public Realm Design Standards for Town Centre Streets
Speaker: Stu Ramsey

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. JORDAN:
SECONDED BY MS. M. MARANO:

“THAT the presentation be heard.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning, appeared before the Committee providing a presentation regarding public realm design standards for streets in Burnaby’s four Town Centres..

Design standards for the Town Centres arose from Council’s 2010 adoption of the *Supplementary Community Benefit Bonus Density Policy*. The policy outlined a goal of enhancing livability through “additional community amenities to support and service residents and businesses in Town Centres”.

The application of the Town Centre public realm design standards have been developed through the rezoning process within Town Centres. Input from Council, City staff, developers, architects, engineers, and residents have helped to shape the standards. The vision is to foster a sense of pride in the community and strengthen a sense of place through:

- improving safety, access, environment, aesthetics;
- being environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, by adding to the natural landscape, reducing waste, conserving resources, and working with natural systems;
- establishing priorities and using design standards;
- creating enjoyable and safe environments for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and the general travelling public; and
- ensuring safety, accessibility and inclusion for people of all ages and abilities.

Councillor Dhaliwal arrived at the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

The principles guiding the streetscape designs include the re-creation of the ‘living room’ where people can gather and socialize; the need to be appealing and interesting; ‘complete streets’ which allow safe travel regardless of a person’s mode of transport, gender or ability; an emphasis on local community; and enhancement of the environment.

Design standards have been developed to enhance the quality of the public realm on streets in Burnaby’s four Town Centres to support vibrant communities, thriving economies and healthy environments.

The Committee thanked Mr. Ramsey for his interesting and informative presentation.

4. BICYCLE ADVISORY GROUP – REPORT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. JORDAN:
SECONDED BY MR. L. PAUL:

“THAT the report be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) **Report from Director Planning and Building**
Re: Cycling Promotions 2014

A report was submitted by the Director Planning and Building to request funding in support of programs to promote cycling in 2015. The report recommends the expenditure of \$10, 145.00 to promote cycling Burnaby in 2015 through the following: Burnaby Bike Map, Bike to Work Week, Bike to School Week and Streetwise Cycling Courses.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to authorize the expenditure of \$10,145 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for this year's programs to promote cycling, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDON:
SECONDED BY MS. M. MARANO:

“THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Sally Pankratz

Ms. Pankratz requested that staff revisit new business items submitted at previous meetings.

Items of concern included:

- patching the curb side pavement on Gilpin Street, west of Mahon Avenue;
- repair a hole on the west side of the Kensington Urban Trail (KUT) north of Still Creek;
- investigate creating a shared bike/pedestrian path on Broadway, where the KUT ends;
- investigate placement of curb ramps on the islands at Kensington Avenue and Broadway; and
- improve the curb on the narrow stretches of Kensington Avenue.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Amber Keane

Ms. Keane advised that sections of Rumble Street between Gilley Avenue and Griffiths Street appear unfinished.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Chris Siggers

Mr. Siggers informed staff that the urban trail under Kensington, near Winston is very difficult to navigate due to a large amount of mud/silt on the path.

Mr. Siggers also advised staff that the Kensington Urban Trail directional signage at Joe Sakic Way states that the trail ends. Mr. Siggers advised that cyclists only need to cross Kensington at Joe Sakic Way to continue on the trail.

Staff advised that the Central Valley Greenway flooded recently and left deposits of silt on the urban trail. Staff undertook investigate both the silt deposits and the signage.

6. INQUIRIES

Councillor Jordan

Councillor Jordan requested an update on the New Westminster Transportation Plan.

Staff advised that they are continuing to work with City of New Westminster staff to address issues ie street classifications and congruent cycling networks.

Lloyd Paul

Mr. Paul queried the bus route and stops of #116 in the Big Bend area.

Staff advised that the City is waiting for the removal of hydro poles which will allow for the completion of the route. Work will be completed in the spring.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

SECONDED BY MS. MARINO:

“THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Nick Volkow
CHAIR