



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, 2016 January 13

An 'Open' meeting of the Transportation Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Main Floor, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2016 January 13 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor D. Johnston, Chair
Councillor S. Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Ms. A. Keane, Citizen Representative
Mr. L. Paul, Citizen Representative
Mr. D. Reid, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor C. Jordan, Member

STAFF: Ms. L. Garnett, Assistant Director, Long Range Planning
Mr. S. Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning
Ms. L. Libsekal, Transportation Planner
Mr. Ian Wasson, Urban Design Planner
Ms. E. Prior, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) **Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Transportation Committee held on 2015 October 07**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Transportation Committee held on 2015 October 07 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MS. KEANE

THAT the Correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Memorandum from Administrative Officer**
Re: 2016 Transit Service Modification Proposals in Burnaby

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2015 November 23, received and adopted the *2016 Transit Service Modification Proposals in Burnaby* report. The report reviews the 2016 – 2017 proposed service changes in Burnaby and is provided to the Committee for information.

The Committee reiterated concerns expressed by the Heights Merchants Association regarding TransLink's proposed conversion of Route 135 to a B-Line express service on Hastings Street. This proposal would result in a limited-stop service when taking the B-Line express; however, passengers wishing to take longer local trips on Hastings Street would require a transfer.

Staff is continuing to communicate concerns and recommendations to TransLink.

b) **Daniel Freeman, Manager, Transit Network Management TransLink**
Re: Copy of Letter Sent to Heights Merchants Association
Regarding Submissions to TransLink

Mr. Daniel Freeman, Manager, Transit Network Management TransLink, provided a copy of a letter he sent to the Heights Merchants Association in response to a letter sent by the association to TransLink regarding proposed transit service changes.

c) **D. Malcolm Johnston**
Re: Copy of Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau Regarding
Public Transit and Transport in Metro Vancouver

Mr. D. Malcolm Johnston provided a copy of an email he sent to Prime Minister Trudeau outlining the background and issues of public transit and transportation in Metro Vancouver, and suggesting solutions.

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY MS. KEANE
SECONDED MR. PAUL

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from Director Planning and Building**
Re: Gilmore Urban Trail Project
- Proposed Design and Improvements

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report informing the Committee of proposed improvements to the Gilmore Urban Trail from Canada Way to Dawson Street. The report describes the design of a proposed 640 metre section of trail from Canada Way to Still creek Avenue, improvements to the existing Urban Trail from Still Creek Avenue to Dawson/Henning Drive and a proposed wayfinding system.

The Committee requested that signage and marking include advance warning to northbound motorists on Gilmore Way, well in advance of the lane-drop at Manor Street to mitigate confusion around the new traffic pattern. The Committee also requested consideration be given to the addition of a painted gore to facilitate merging of the northbound traffic, prior to Manor Street, into a single lane.

The Committee suggested that staff liaise with Fire Hall Station No. 7 to ensure that traffic changes in the area would not impede on their ability to exit the fire hall.

Staff undertook to follow-up on the requests of the Committee.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Transportation Committee receive for their information the proposed design and improvements to the Gilmore Urban Trail from Canada Way to Dawson Street.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Report from Director Planning and Building
Re: Cycling Promotion

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report requesting funding in support of cycling promotion programs in 2016.

The Committee requested that staff explore the option of a City of Burnaby Bike Map application.

Staff undertook to investigate.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to authorize the expenditure of \$10,400 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for programs to promote cycling in 2016, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MS. KEANE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Lloyd Paul

Mr. Paul expressed concern regarding proposed changes to routes #129 and #116. Mr. Paul requested that route #129 once again connect through the Metrotown station as it is the only bus that goes to Burnaby General Hospital. Currently, passengers transferring at Metrotown must transfer to a bus or SkyTrain and catch #129 at the Patterson Station.

Mr. Paul advised that the new routing proposed for #116, eastbound on Central Boulevard, will make it difficult for seniors and passengers with mobility issues to attend Bonsor Recreation Centre. Currently, passengers on #116 are able to alight on the north side of Central Boulevard in very close proximity to Bonsor. Alternatively, the closest stop on the south side of Central Boulevard is considerably farther from Bonsor.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Dave Reid

Mr. Reid requested an update regarding completion of upgrades on the Cariboo Connector, near Gaglardi Way.

Staff undertook to investigate.

6. INQUIRIES

There were inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR