



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRANSIT,
BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS (ACTBiPed)**

Thursday, April 24, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Boardroom A

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member
Larry Giles	- Committee Member
Charlie Hunter	- Committee Member
Phil Kehres	- Committee Member
Elliot Roy	- Student
Robert Wong	- Committee Member

MEMBER REGRETS:

Reena Meijer Drees	- Walkers' Caucus
Iain Lancaster	- SD40 Representative
Mike Smith-Cairns	- Committee Member

GUESTS:

Mary Wilson	
Paul Fast	- Principal, HCMA Architecture + Design
Chris Phillips	- Principal, PSF Studio
Tom Sparrow	- Chief Project Officer, RCH

STAFF:

Stephen Blore	- Senior Transportation Planner
Tabitha Guichon	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Natalie McRae	- Engineering Co-op Student
Sgt. Greg Smith	- New Westminster Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions & Adoption of the April 24, 2019 Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on April 24, 2019 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 21, 2019

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on February 24, 2019 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 New Westminster Aquatic and Community Centre (NWACC) – Steve Kellock

Steve Kellock, along with Paul Fast and Chris Philips, provided a presentation on the transportation related portions of the New Westminster Aquatic and Community Centre.

Discussion ensued and the following information was provided by staff:

- The youth spaces and green spaces are still in the planning process.
- There is a survey on the website that asks for input on these items
- Bike parking is still being reviewed, but the intent is to have outdoor storage and indoor storage. New technology with lockers are becoming more available and might be considered for the future

Members provided the following comments and suggestions:

- Consider reducing the amount of parking and even underground parking and paid parking to make more room for park space

- Consider an overhead green structure going from Queens park to the new site
- Look into enhancing transit access to this site
- During rush hour traffic, E. Sixth can be very congested. Consider a pullout for busses or widening the street so cars can still go by when a bus stops
- The transit stop is still a distance from the entrance. Consider making the walkway covered and more comfortable to get to the building
- During the construction phase the Crosstown Greenway should remain open
- There were strong safety concerns with regards to the parking on the NE corner of the site with their being 2 driveways going through the Crosstown Greenway. Members strongly suggest reviewing this area.
- Bike infrastructure on all sides of the site, not just the one direction
- Consider a bus stop along McBride Blvd

3.2 Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment – Tom Sparrow, Chief Project Officer

Tom Sparrow, Chief Project Officer with the RCH Redevelopment project, provided an overview of the RCH Redevelopment.

Members provided the following comments and suggestions

- Consider making the Skytrain access to the hospital more direct
- Bike infrastructure around the whole building
- There is no access to the building from the service lane

3.3 Signal Timing – Natalie McRae, Engineering Co-op Student

Natalie McRae, City of New Westminister Co-op student, provided a presentation on pedestrian signal timing review. The recommended assumed pedestrian speed for most codes and guidelines is 1.0-1.2 m/s. For the pedestrian signal timing review, staff decided to go with 1.0 m/s as the assumed pedestrian speed to ensure that slower walkers feel safe, and a speed of 0.9 m/s at certain intersections close to elementary schools & senior centres.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- In Vancouver when the countdown is complete, there is no buffer. Members suggested doing this in New Westminister
- Staff advised that in terms of the button being pressed right after a light change and not getting a walk signal, this is a signal controller issue due to old infrastructure

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 ACTBiPed Workshop – Stephen Blore

As a continuation of the previous meeting, Stephen Blore asked a few more questions in order to help better understand what the committee is hoping to achieve with the “beg buttons”. Through discussion,

Discussion ensued and the following comments were made:

- “Beg buttons” make it so pedestrians have to ask to do something that cars don’t have to do
- They are an unnecessary barrier
- They are a physical barrier when trying to get to the button and a mental barrier by not knowing if there is a button to touch or not
- Not just about pedestrians, but cyclists as well and can be difficult to get over to a button
- The pedestrian crossing signal does not activate unless the button is activated
- When the light turns green, the walk signal should be automatic
- Certain intersections don’t change without the beg button.
- Consider changing all lights, but then also keeping the button for those intersections where pedestrians need an advantage
- Discussion about motion detectors for pedestrian
- Giving the pedestrian agency in the intersection
- Discussion on pedestrian advanced signals, where pedestrians get a few seconds prior to the light changing
- There are inconsistencies at all intersections
- The committee may need to come up with a list of intersections and what their proper pedestrian forward approach would be

Through this discussion, it was decided that the committee would like to make this a policy document and bring it to council for endorsement. It was also noted that the name of the concern should be changed from “Beg Buttons” to a more general term such as Pedestrian Agency at Intersections. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 No items

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Pedestrian Crossing at 11th Street & Royal Avenue – Reena Meijer Drees

6.2 Walk30 Challenge

6.3 Jane’s Walk

6.4 UBCM Response to 2018 Resolutions

7.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Certified correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

ORIGINAL SIGNED

TABITHA GUICHON
COMMITTEE SECRETARY