



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

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Boardroom A - City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Patrick Johnstone | - Chair |
| Véronique Boulanger | - Committee Member |
| Brad Cavanagh | - Committee Member |
| Charlie Hunter | - Committee Member |
| Phil Kehres | - Committee Member |
| Elliot Roy | - Student |
| Robert Wong | - Committee Member |
| Reena Meijer Drees | - Walkers' Caucus |
| Iain Lancaster | - SD40 Representative |
| Mike Smith-Cairns | - Committee Member |

MEMBER REGRETS:

STAFF:

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| Stephen Blore | - Senior Transportation Planner |
| Joshua Chong | - Co-op Student, City of New Westminster |
| Tabitha Guichon | - Committee Secretary, Engineering Services |
| Sgt. Greg Smith | - New Westminster Police Department |

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions & Adoption of the September 11, 2019 Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on September 11, 2019 be received and adopted with the addition of the following item:

- *Item 5.1 & 5.2 will be discussed together as one topic*
- *5.4 – Seventh Avenue Crosstown Greenway*

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 June 26, 2019

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on June 26, 2019 be received and adopted with the correction to the spelling of Qayqayt on page 3.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 No items

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Signal Policy 2019 (to replace “beg buttons”) – Stephen Blore, Senior Transportation Planner

Stephen Blore provided a presentation related to the signal policy 2019 (see attachment 1).

Discussion ensued and the committee provided the following comments and information:

- Members suggested that an audit of different types of intersections be done and then circulated to the committee
- Countdown timers are the best instead of the hand/walk signal
- Main theme is that pedestrians shouldn't have to press a button unless it is fundamentally required for the operation of that intersection
- In the policy document, consider using existing intersections as examples
- Members can bring forward areas where things work and where they don't to help understand
- Consider creating archetypes
- What are the competing values and what would the compromises look like
- Document the lived experience somehow and be able to provide to staff
- Consider picking 2 intersections per neighbourhood and have members go and do homework on the locations and report back.
- Alternative was to consider picking a route
- This will be further discussed with staff with a follow up email with instructions going out to members

5.1 2019 Grant Applications and Projects – Stephen Blore, Senior Transportation Planner & Joshua Chong, Co-op Student, City of New Westminster

Stephen Blore provided an overview of the different opportunities that are available for the city. (See attachment 2).

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- HUB New West is trying to come up with some possibilities of coming up with a bike path in the area of NWSS
- This does not include small spot improvements
- TRIPP funding is for enhancements to their transit, not new bus shelters
- The OMR funds can only be used for road maintenance, not pedestrian enhancements
- The allocations are based on population

5.2 2020 Priorities & Grants – Stephen Blore, Senior Transportation Planner

This item was discussed as part of item 5.1

5.3 2020 Pedestrian Crossing Improvements – Stephen Blore

Stephen Blore provided a map that shows the different pedestrian crossings that the city has planned to review for 2020 (see attachment 3). This list includes the following considerations:

- 12th St at 4th Ave: curb extension to shorten crossing at existing marked crosswalk
- Queens Ave at 11th St: curb extensions to shorten crossing; improved refuge at median
- 10th St at Agnes St: marked crosswalk on east leg; curb and ramp improvements
- 8th St at Hamilton St: adding crosswalk to south leg of signaled intersection
- 700 block Princess: improving midblock crossing between Royal City Centre and strata's on north side
- 6th Ave at 4th St: possible curb extension to shorten crossing at existing marked crosswalk
- Clarkson St at Lorne Mews: installing marked crosswalk and ramp at midblock crossing
- E Royal Ave at Francis Way: installing crosswalk where one should have been installed through development

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- This list does not exclude other improvements through development
- Residents can send emails in to make suggestions for crossing improvements that they feel need to be looked at
- Members would like to view the whole list. It was asked if this could be brought back to the next meeting

- requirements have changed over time, and curb extensions do need to meet requirements for busses to be able to pull in at some locations

5.4 Seventh Avenue Crosstown Greenway – Robert Wong

Members believe that the intersection of Seventh Avenue & Tenth Street needs to be reviewed. There is a school at that location and there are conflicts with the cyclists and pedestrians. Staff noted that this has already been reviewed and redesigned and work will be starting soon. It will be a 4 way stop and new line markings will be going in with proper letdowns for bikes. Speed humps will be going back in on Seventh Avenue – there were suggestions that gaps be created so that cyclists can go through without having to go over the bumps.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 2019-2020 Strategic Plan – Vision, Core Values and Priority Areas and Key Directives – Council Report from July 8, 2019

Councillor Johnstone provided a quick review of the 2019-2020 Strategic Plan. As a committee, recommendations can be sent to council regarding areas they want to focus on at any time. It was noted that the strategic plan is an ideal tool to use when bringing forward items to council.

7.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Certified correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

ORIGINAL SIGNED

TABITHA GUICHON
COMMITTEE SECRETARY