

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

Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber & Chamber Meeting Room

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Wolowic	- Acting Chair/Committee Member
Stephen Braverman	- Committee Member
Andrew Feltham	- Committee Member
Roland Guasparini	- Committee Member
Andrew Murray	- Committee Member
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Karon Trenaman (arrived at 6:42pm)	- ICBC Representative

MEMBER REGRETS:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Adam Hempstock	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member

STAFF:

Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services
Eugene Wat	- Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Kanny Chow	- Transportation Engineer (arr. at 7:25pm/left at 8:20pm)
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Sgt. Paul Fayle	- New Westminster Police Department

GUESTS:

Michelle Babiuk (left at 6:42pm)	- Sr. Mgr., Engagement & Environmental Programs TransLink
Sam Young	- Senior Engineer, Technical Programs (left at 6:42pm) Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project, TransLink
Max von Kleist (left at 6:42pm)	- Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
Mary Wilson	- Community Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Procedural note: As the meeting had not yet reached quorum, the Chair opted to proceed with the meeting, starting with Presentation Item 3.1: Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project – TransLink.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Procedural note: Upon completion of TransLink's presentation, and as we had reached quorum, the regular meeting resumed starting with the adoption of the Agenda and Minutes.

1.1 Additions to Agenda & Adoption of June 7, 2017 Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on June 7, 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

A member requested the addition of an "Updates" section to the agenda. Staff explained that updates are already received by way of the Committee's Action List. A discussion on how best to address items on the List will be planned for the next meeting.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of the Minutes of May 3, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on May 3, 2017 be received and adopted with the following changes:

- 1. Unfinished Business Item 4.1, 30 km/h on Greenways and Streets, third bullet point should read: 'The request for municipalities to determine their own default speed limit went to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) multiple times and it was rejected; municipalities, however, set their own speed limits with appropriate signage;*
- 2. Draft New Westminster Bike Map Item 5.4, under Roland Guisparini's comments, the second bullet point should read "nine blocks" not "900 block".*

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project – Michelle Babiuk, Sam Young, and Max von Kleist

Michelle Babiuk, Senior Manager, Engagement & Environmental Programs (TransLink), introduced herself, Sam Young, Senior Engineer, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project (TransLink), and Max von Kleist of the firm Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. She informed members that TransLink is moving ahead with the replacement of the Pattullo Bridge with the timeline to be as follows:

- 2016: Project Development
- 2017 – 2018: Environmental Assessment
- Late 2017 – Early 2019: Procurement
- Spring 2019 – End of 2022: Implementation
- 2023: Bridge opening & existing bridge decommissioning

The following discussion ensued:

- The new bridge will have a one-way bike lane on each side of the bridge in order to lessen the potential for conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians. TransLink will consider adding signage to promote etiquette as an alternate to a one-way bike lane;
- TransLink will consider making the barrier that separates cyclists and pedestrians from vehicles higher in effort to reduce noise;

Procedural note: at this time, the meeting reached quorum.

- Joining the Crosstown Greenway to the new bridge is outside the scope of the replacement project. McBride Boulevard would require modifications in order to join the two; it was noted that TransLink has cost-sharing and is willing to work with the City to make this happen. This item can be revisited when the Committee meets to discuss the budget and work plan;
- The signal for the looping off-ramp lane will require drivers to stop prior to proceeding into the rest of the intersection. This will facilitate traffic going into the Victoria Hill neighbourhood, make it more of a proper urban intersection, and safer for pedestrians;
- Sidewalks on the south and north sides of Royal Avenue will be continuous;
- As part of the EA process, the first public comment period will run from June 26th to July 26th and two open houses will be held. The first open house will be on Monday, June 26th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sapperton Pensioners' Hall in New Westminster, and the second one will take place on Tuesday, June 27th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Surrey City Hall.
- Comments from the public will be accepted by fax at 250-387-2208, and via an online form that will be accessible from June 26th until July 27th;

- It is expected that the new bridge will be tolled, as TransLink's Mayors' Council has not changed their policy or direction on this issue;
- Approaches to the bridge will slow drivers down. TransLink will investigate methods, other than signage, to urge drivers to travel the speed limit;
- TransLink will look at mitigating measures if noise becomes an issue;
- After rigorous comparison of delivery options, the TransLink Board determined that a public/private partnership delivery model was in the public's best interest;
- During the Fall 2016 consultation, the pedestrian/bike connections and grade separation vs at-grade crossing at the on ramp to the bridge were consulted on.

In closing, members were reminded that more information about the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project could be found on TransLink's website.

3.2 Walk21 – Dale Darychuk

Dale Darychuk, community member, spoke to the group about Walk21 which is an international organization that supports and promotes walking. The annual Walk21 conferences are the keynote international pedestrian promotion events in the world, and Dale will be attending this year's conference in Calgary this September. As New Westminister has the facilities to accommodate such an event and, since the Walk21 mandate is in harmony with the City's Master Transportation Plan goal of making New Westminister a walkable city, hosting this event should be considered by staff and Council.

The following discussion ensued:

- The City could approach Metro Vancouver for financial support for the conference;
- At Dale's request, Carilyn will forward his email address to Committee members for further comments/suggestions.

The following recommendation to Council was passed:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the ACTBiPed ask Council to direct staff to look into the implications of New Westminister hosting a Walk21 conference in the next five years.

CARRIED.

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

3.3 Enforcement – Sgt. Paul Fayle

Sgt. Paul Fayle, of the New Westminster Police Department (NYPD), informed members that the NYPD's goal is to increase public safety and positively affect the impact of traffic on people in the City by changing driver behaviour through high-profile patrol, education, and enforcement. The NYPD strives to deal efficiently and effectively with concerns and complaints, prioritizing those presenting the highest danger to public safety. Paul advised members that the City's Traffic Safety Unit consists of six officers, responsible for the following:

- Specific and general traffic related complaints;
- Monitoring and enforcement at specific high crash or high risk driving behaviour locations;
- Commercial vehicle related enforcement;
- Monthly traffic safety related focuses (i.e. ICBC, BC Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Committee, Road Safety BC);
- Major accident scenes CART (involving serious injury or death – none since 2016);
- General traffic related duties and enforcement.

Discretion is exercised when issuing tickets; when appropriate an officer will consider giving someone a verbal or written warning (education) over a ticket. Officers do not have ticket quotas to meet from the NYPD management or the Police Board and old fashioned “fishing hole” enforcement is not used to increase statistics.

Lastly, Paul advised that during tomorrow's Farmer's Market in the Tipperary Park parking lot, mitigating measures will be in place, including barriers and a Police presence, to deter the illegal and dangerous u-turns taking place on that section of Fourth Street.

The following discussion ensued:

- There are a limited number of locations to set up commercial enforcement inspections; however, Paul will look into lessening the impact they have on bike lanes. It was noted that warning signage for cyclists and drivers at these sites would be helpful and staff can assist with traffic management plans for these inspections;
- It was suggested that in September, at the start of the school year, Police on bikes could travel alongside kids who are riding their bikes to school as a Police presence would make a difference in driver behaviour. Paul will pass this request to Sergeant Long, who is in charge of the Unit;
- Committee member, Roland Guasparini, played an audio track of a noisy vehicle and stated that such noise is not only a distraction when driving but also makes walking less enjoyable. He suggested that enforcement officers

ticket vehicles they deem in violation of the noise bylaw and the question was raised whether bylaw officers can be given the authority to issue tickets for noise and idling infractions. Roland requested a report from staff to Committee members outlining how the City can begin addressing traffic noise within the City, including funding that may be needed to tackle this issue. This discussion will continue at the September meeting, including how addressing this issue aligns with the Master Transportation Plan. Sgt. Fayle will provide noise complaint statistics to the Committee at the September meeting as well;

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Stewardson Way At-Grade Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Update – Kanny Chow (Item 7.1, Report: *Stewardson Way At-Grade Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Update*)

Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer, informed members that provision of a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists in the area of the former Stewardson Way/Sixth Avenue signalized intersection has been discussed previously, with the goal being to provide a more direct connection as part of the BC Parkway and to various other areas in the neighbourhood. The design of the new crossing needs to be acceptable to all stakeholders. Council would like to hear what members think of an at-grade crossing versus a separated crossing.

The following discussion ensued:

- Some members stated that an at-grade crossing may make people feel less safe;
- Staff advised that if an at-grade crossing is built, it would be a pedestrian controlled signal with flashing warning lights on either side of the crossing and pavement markings to alert motorists;
- An at-grade crossing may not align with TransLink and the Ministry of Transportation (MOTi) objectives with respect to goods movement;
- Staff queried if members would like to see this crossing prioritized over other projects. The group will take part in an exercise to determine what the City's transportation priorities should be at an upcoming meeting.

5.2 Q to Q Demonstration Ferry – Lisa Leblanc (Item 7.2, Report: *Q to Q Demonstration Ferry*)

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, stated that connecting the Quay to Queensborough is a long standing City goal and as such, staff have developed a

plan for a demonstration (Q to Q) ferry service which will operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm during July and August of 2017.

The following discussion ensued:

- With the ferry service ending at 7:00 pm, it does not allow residents a lot of time to go downtown for dinner and return home; however, negotiations are ongoing and this may change;
- A number of water-lot locations were considered and it was concluded that the Inn at the Quay was the best site for the demonstration service;
- Staff will evaluate how the demonstration works and possibly add other locations in the future;
- The cost to construct a float would be approximately 30k to 40k and equipment would be resalable – they are not throwaway costs.

6.0 NETWORK UPDATES

No items.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Report: Stewardson Way At-Grade Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Update

This was addressed under Item 5.1, Stewardson At-Grade Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Update.

7.2 Report: Q to Q Demonstration Ferry

This was addressed under Item 5.2, Q to Q Demonstration Ferry.

7.3 Action List

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

9.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Wednesday, November 22, 2017

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

JENNIFER WOLOWIC
ACTING CHAIR

Original Signed

CARILYN COOK
COMMITTEE SECRETARY