

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

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber & Chamber Meeting Room
City Hall**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Stephen Braverman	- Committee Member
Andrew Feltham	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member
Jennifer Wolowic	- Committee Member
Roland Guasparini	- Committee Member
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Adam Hempstock	- Committee Member
Andrew Murray	- Committee Member
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

MEMBER/STAFF REGRETS:

Sgt. Paul Fayle	- New Westminster Police Department
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STAFF:

Stephen Blore	- Transportation Planner, Engineering Services
Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Max Leung	- Co-op Student, Engineering Services
Carolyn Armanini (left at 6:45 p.m.)	- Planning Analyst, Office of the CAO
Erika Mashig (left at 6:45 p.m.)	- Parks & Open Space Planner Parks and Recreation

GUESTS:

Mary Wilson	- Community Member
Michael Ewen	- SD 40 Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions to Agenda & Adoption of March 8, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on March 8, 2017 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 15, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on February 15, 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

No items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Sixth Street Overpass Accessibility Considerations (Item 7.1, Report: Sixth Street Overpass Accessibility Considerations)

Carolyn Armanini, Planning Analyst, and Erika Mashig, Parks & Open Space Planner, informed members that as part of the development obligations for 660 Quayside Drive, an elevated overpass at Sixth Street is being contemplated as part of the development agreement. Staff would like to sequence construction of the

overpass with development construction as well as provide a vital link down to the waterfront and access to the park, maintaining accessibility to that area during the construction period and longer. As the planning and design stage is starting, staff are requesting input from various City committees for consideration.

The following discussion ensued:

- A ramp with switchbacks would be user friendly for cyclists and those with mobility challenges;
- The ramp would be approximately 23 feet high, 100 meters long with a 5% grade and would slightly impede on the existing playground;
- The McBride Boulevard and Seventh Avenue ramp was generally recognized as a good example for reference; however, some members felt that it was unnecessarily higher than needed, making it a bit less user friendly;
- The Burnaby Lake SkyTrain ramp was also deemed to be a good example;
- A temporary crossing could be implemented with a permanent one being built and integrated with the playground upon completion of the project. This suggestion will be taken back to the design team;
- Next steps include receiving feedback from other committees, taking the comments back to staff, and then reporting the information to Council to receive further direction.

5.2 Bus Shelters **(Item 7.2, Report: Bus Shelters)**

Staff informed members they are working with the Purchasing Department to obtain additional bus shelters. Municipalities that have non-ad, in-house bus shelters generally contract out the maintenance of these shelters to an external company.

As with many municipalities, shelters with ads are provided through a contract with Pattison Outdoor. Each year, the City provides a list to Pattison Outdoor of shelters we'd like installed. The installation rate is low, however, with only 1 to 2 shelters being added each year.

There are sites where installation of a bus shelter may be relatively easy and others that would require more thought and design. Staff asked members for input on how they would like to see the installation and upgrading of bus shelters prioritized.

The following discussion ensued:

- A bus shelter generally costs between 10 to 15K, depending on the size, etc., however, this does not include the ongoing maintenance of the shelter;

- A number of requests have been received for a shelter on Quayside Drive as this is an area with a lot of families and seniors. Pattison, however, is hesitant to install a shelter in this area as it does not see a lot of vehicular traffic; and, therefore, may not generate enough advertising interest;
- Shelters and weather protection throughout the transit system would encourage more people to utilize public transit;
- Some shelters are not large enough to accommodate all transit riders waiting for the bus. Examples include the bus shelter at Eighth Street and McBride Boulevard and the shelter outside the library on Sixth Street. Staff will determine if these sites can be updated to be more accommodating;
- Bus stops without shelters should be prioritized over improving stops that have shelters and challenging bus stops should be included in the prioritization process;
- Prioritization should be based on the boardings for each stop;
- A few options have been explored to make the bus stop outside of the Police Station at Sixth Street and Columbia Street more accommodating for riders, including the installation of fold up seats and an awning. Since both options would impinge upon the windows of the building, staff are continuing to explore options.

5.3 Sapperton Transportation Plan (STP) (Item 7.3, Report: Sapperton Transportation Plan)

Stephen Blore, Transportation Planner, stated that staff would like to hear from both Sapperton residents and those that access the Sapperton area, as staff want to ensure that the concerns/issues are documented accurately as the project proceeds.

The following discussion ensued:

- The Keary Street crossing needs to be well-lit and visible as it is used by a lot of distracted walkers and drivers;
- The Crosstown Greenway was not discussed at the open house so it was not included in the Report. As requested, Staff will add the Crosstown Greenway improvements as an addendum to the Report;
- Keary Street is better for cycling because the grade is less steep; there is a perception that it has room for treatment to make it even better;
- As the STP includes access to Richard McBride Elementary School as well as two greenways, the discussion of the implementation of a 30 k/hr speed limit needs to continue;
- Fraserview is a sizable development, so it would be ideal to have the C9 bus travel through the area more than once an hour;
- The Central Valley Greenway should be maintained as a permanent link through the area;

- Councillor Johnstone encouraged members to attend upcoming public meetings and workshops for the STP to represent pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

6.0 NETWORK UPDATES

No items.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Report: Sixth Street Overpass Accessibility Considerations

This was addressed under Item 5.1, Sixth Street Overpass Accessibility Considerations

7.2 Report: Bus Shelters

This was addressed under Item 5, Bus Shelters.

7.3 Report: Sapperton Transportation Plan

This was addressed under Item 5, Sapperton Transportation Plan.

7.4 Report: Update on Improvements to the Rotary Crosstown Greenway (Fifth Street – Eighth Street) for Walking and Cycling

The Report was received by the Committee for information. Staff notified members that an estimated 800 notices went out to inform people of the Rotary Crosstown Greenway open house. The approximately 12 people who attended the open house were generally supportive and hopeful that the City implement more green infrastructure along the corridor.

The following discussion ensued:

- Initially, only basic curb painting, etc., will be implemented on this part of the Greenway, then staff will monitor usage and perform counts in the area;
- An additional pedestrian crossing (i.e. on the north leg) will be installed at the Seventh Avenue and Eighth Street intersection, along with signal timing modifications;

7.5 Walk New West – Overview

The overview was received by the Committee for information. Mary Wilson, guest and community member, encouraged the Committee to visit the Walker's Caucus website to sign up for the New Westminster Walking Challenge. Jane's Walks can

