

**Minutes**

**Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed)  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room #2**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	Chair
Mary Wilson	Committee Member
Marion Orser (left at 8:13 p.m.)	Committee Member
Keith Ross	Committee Member
Karon Trenaman	ICBC Representative
Lukas Slotman	Committee Member
Virginia Ayers	Committee Member
Devin Schellenberg (arrived at 6:49 p.m.)	Committee Member

**VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

Alexander Csizmadia	Committee Member
Andrew Feltham	Committee Member
Todd Beernink	Committee Member

**NON VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

James Doan	Supervisor, Towing, Parking, Animal Services, Cemetery & Field Maintenance
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**STAFF:**

Eugene Wat	Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Lisa Leblanc	Manager, Transportation
Jerry Behl	Transportation Engineer
Carilyn Cook	Committee Secretary
Sgt. Mike Garbutt	New Westminister Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **1.1 Additions to Agenda & Adoption of November 3, 2015 Agenda – Committee**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians Meeting held on November 3, 2015, be received and adopted with the addition of Item 5.1 under New Business – ICBC's Pedestrian Safety Campaign – Karon Trenaman.*

**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 September 9, 2015 – Committee**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians Meeting held on September 9, 2015 be received and adopted with the amendment of Item 5.1 to “No discussion ensued – tabled to next meeting”.*

**CARRIED**

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

At this point in the meeting Councillor Johnstone introduced Lisa Leblanc, the City's new Transportation Manager, to the Committee.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Pattullo Bridge Rehabilitation Update – Devin Schellenberg/Eugene Wat**

Eugene stated that TransLink's original rehabilitation plan has been re-evaluated and it's been determined that the bridge is not suited for a full-fledged rehabilitation. The best option is a minor rehabilitation, which should take about 5 months, to keep it functional until the new bridge is built. They will do a full deck repair on the concrete and maintain two lanes of access during most construction times; however, there will be some temporary complete bridge closures. Most of the work will be done on the straight sections and not the

approaches to the bridge. The City is working with TransLink to determine which approaches will remain open, etc., and how the rehabilitation work will affect the City. We are looking at possible increased enforcement, modifying traffic signal controls, mitigation of rat-running, etc. The work will be done on a 24/7 basis and speed will be lowered to 30 km/hr. Trucks will still be allowed on the bridge during this time and the sidewalk will remain open for the duration of the work. TransLink has met with emergency services as well to ensure that service can be provided during the rehabilitation.

Members discussed:

- Drivers may be more willing to use the Port Mann Bridge and pay the toll while the rehabilitation work is being done.

Eugene went on to inform the Committee that the demolition of the Front Street Parkade should commence sometime in December and will require the closure of Front Street for approximately five months. More information will be sent out to the public, Business Improvement Association, and other businesses regarding the closure. This work will be followed by the Front Street Mews project. We are working closely with TransLink to address traffic issues.

Members discussed:

- Columbia Street will be used as a westbound route; eastbound will be routed to Royal Avenue. The City is working with TransLink and the BC Trucking Association on this; Columbia Street will be a temporary truck route during this time. There is no ideal location to put the trucks. The date/timing is still to be determined.

**4.2 TransLink Proposed Bus Route Changes – Eugene Wat/Jerry Behl**

Jerry presented TransLink's proposed Bus Route Changes to the Committee. Presentation attached.

Members discussed:

- There is concern about the C9 route as the changes may make it harder for seniors to access the route.
- Changes to the route may mean that the light at Columbia Street and Cumberland Street may have to be changed as there is currently no left turn at that intersection.
- TransLink is making changes to address issues such as delays; however, they have not addressed the frequency of bus runs.

- Until November 6<sup>th</sup>, TransLink will be receiving feedback through an online form and phone number. Carilyn will forward the link and phone number to Committee members.

#### **4.3 Downtown Bicycle Network – Jerry Behl**

It was suggested that a bicycle route sub-committee be formed to work through certain areas of the network. Carilyn will arrange a November or December meeting date for the sub-committee. Members are to let Carilyn know if they are interested in participating. Major items to be discussed at the meeting include bike routes to schools and how to navigate steep gradients downtown.

#### **4.4 Burnaby Connectivity Tour Update – Mary Wilson/Councillor Johnstone**

Mary suggested that the City improve crossings along Tenth Avenue now, as Burnaby's new Edmonds Town Centre will become a key destination for New Westminster residents.

Committee members agreed to move forward with the following Recommendation to City Council:

#### **Moved and Seconded**

**WHEREAS** the City of Burnaby is engaged in planning and developing its fourth town centre – the Edmonds Town Centre;

**And WHEREAS** the Edmonds Town Centre will increasingly become a magnet destination for New Westminster pedestrians and cyclists;

**And WHEREAS** accessing the Edmonds Town Centre area will also allow pedestrians and cyclists to better connect with Burnaby's extensive network of trails, parks, and greenways, and will equally improve access to New Westminster for Burnaby residents;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** ACTBiPed ask Council to direct City staff to liaise with Burnaby City staff in order to increase and improve pedestrian and bicycle access across Tenth Avenue between the Edmonds Town Centre development area and New Westminster's west end.

**Carried**

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

**4.5 Update of Second Motion Passed at May 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting re Reduction of Potential for Bicycle/Pedestrian Conflict – Virginia Ayers/Eugene Wat/Jerry Behl**

Mary reminded the Committee of the discussion that took place at the May 2015 meeting regarding sidewalk use. There is competition for the use of sidewalks and confusion about the use of sidewalks with respect to Schedule D (where you can and cannot ride a bike on the sidewalk). There is a perception that bike riding is not allowed on any sidewalks. This sidewalk conflict needs to be figured out so that we can keep pedestrians, bicyclists, and electric wheelchairs safe.

Members discussed:

- This topic is on the agenda for the Mayor's Transportation Task Force but it has not yet been addressed.
- The Police have stated that they frequently have conversations with people using the sidewalk with undue care and attention and use these opportunities to educate people about safe sidewalk use.
- Antonia Reynolds, the Active Transportation Co-ordinator for the City, is working with both HUB and HASTe (Hub for Active School Travel) on the education aspect of this issue.

**4.6 Small Improvements to be Done – Marion Orser/Committee**

There are a number of opportunities to address minor improvements throughout the City through various budgetary allotments.

Members discussed:

- There is money in the budget for cycling improvements; however, these funds intended to cover consultants, projects that need to be done on a yearly basis, network management, and spot improvements.
- Changing routes is not a spot improvement; it requires a lot of planning and consultation. Spot improvements would include pavement markings, sign changes, etc.
- Staff will review Keary Street as an addition or replacement for the Sherbrooke Street bicycle route.

**4.7 Mayor's Transportation Task Force Highlights – Jerry Behl**

Jerry gave a brief overview of what the Mayor's Transportation Task Force is currently focussing on.

Members discussed:

- The City is pursuing funding from the Federal Government for the Q2Q Bridge.
- The design of the Q2Q Bridge is challenging for a variety of reason. There are also a number of approvals that are required for this project, i.e. building on the Fraser River, etc.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Pedestrian Safety Campaign – Karon Trenaman**

Karon informed the Committee that ICBC launched its annual Pedestrian Safety Campaign on October 21<sup>st</sup>. There are a lot of pedestrian safety tips on ICBC's website at the following link:

<http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/newsroom/Pages/2014Oct21.aspx>

**6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**6.1 Action List**

Members discussed:

- The addition of push buttons on London Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street could possibly be done in conjunction with the next project.
- Sidewalks and curb letdowns at London Street and Hill Street will provide a place to cross at this intersection. To be added to Action List.

At this point in the meeting, Lisa informed the Committee that she's met with Staff Sergeant, Trevor Dudar, to find out what the New Westminster Police Department have done with respect to enforcement and how the Engineering Department can facilitate their enforcement efforts and conditions for them. Meetings will be scheduled regularly.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.0 NEXT MEETINGS**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**Councillor Patrick Johnstone**  
**CHAIR**

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**Carilyn Cook**  
**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

## **Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians**

November 2015

### **Proposed Bus Route changes**

**TransLink is consulting the public & stakeholders on proposed bus route changes in the region.**

- **Consultation October 13, to November 6th**
- **Over 85 changes in the region, 5 in New Westminster**
- **Survey online – TransLink’s website**



 NEW WESTMINSTER **Proposed Bus Route changes**

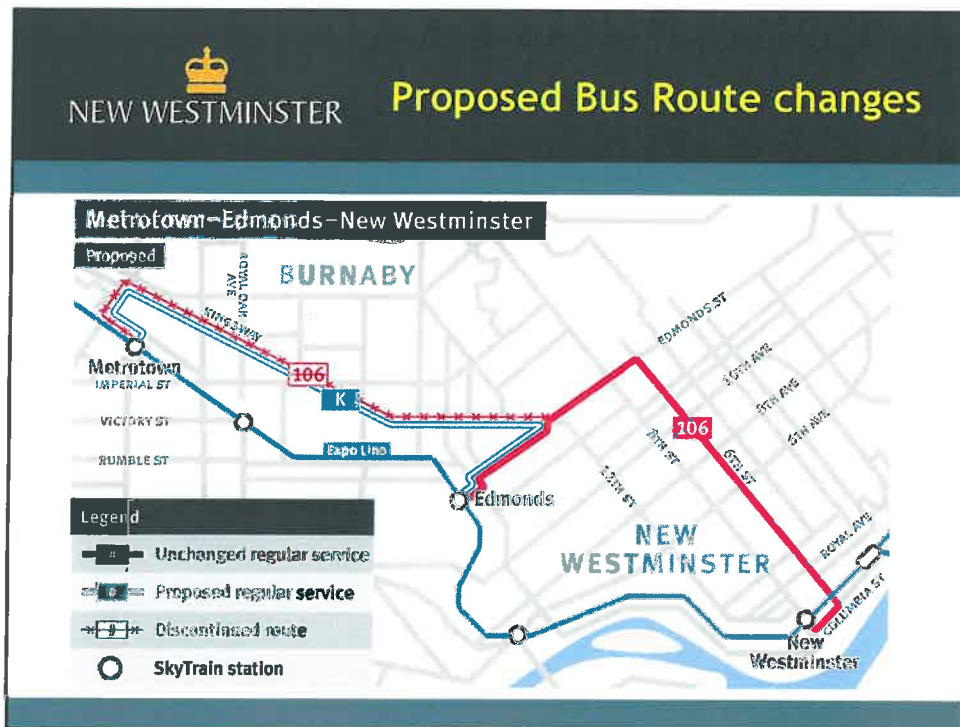
**Regional proposals**

- Evergreen Extension – 6 new SkyTrain stations connecting the Northeast Sector via Millennium line
- Ferry Terminal Express 257/620 change

 NEW WESTMINSTER **Proposed Bus Route changes**

**New Westminister proposals**


- Introduce a new route to travel between Metrotown Station and Edmonds Station
- Redesign the 106 route to only travel between Edmonds Station and New Westminister Station
- Adjust service levels as required to better match ridership demand



**NEW WESTMINSTER** **Proposed Bus Route changes**

**New Westminister proposals**

- Community shuttles C3, C4, C8 and C9 proposed changes:
- Discontinue C3 and C8 and replace with New J
- Discontinue C4 service and replace with New H
- Reroute C9 to Cumberland St, along Richmond St

 **NEW WESTMINSTER** **Proposed Bus Route changes**

**New Westminster community shuttles (C3 / C4 / C8 / C9)**  
Increasing reliability, reducing overcrowding, and improving connectivity.

**New Westminster Community Shuttles**

- Legend
- Current regular service
- Current limited service
- Service to be discontinued
- SkyTrain station

**New Westminster Community Shuttles**

- Legend
- Proposed regular service
- Proposed limited service
- Alternative routes
- SkyTrain station

 **NEW WESTMINSTER** **Downtown Bike Route**

- Bicycle Lane
- Local Street Blotway
- Multi-Use Pathway
- Primary Route
- Secondary Route



NEW WESTMINSTER

## Mayor's Task Force

- **Sidewalks** budget increased from \$300k to \$340k, 2015 works completed
- **Curb let downs** budget increased from \$125K to \$210k want all let downs in New west complete by 2018 – 104 let downs constructed this year
- **Brunette Fraser Greenway** – Baily Bridge to Brunette Avenue to be designed this year
- **Rotary Crosstown Greenway – School connections**, design work being undertaken this year
- **Transit shelters** – current contract with Pattison and investigating how to get more shelters
- **Q to Q Bridge** – Design process underway