



Minutes

**Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians (ACTBiPed)
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room #1**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone

Mary Wilson

Marion Orser

Keith Ross

Andrew Feltham (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)

Karon Trenaman

Lukas Slotman

Todd Beernink

Chair

Committee Member

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ICBC Representative

Committee Member

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VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Alexander Csizmadia

Virginia Ayers

Devin Schellenberg

Committee Member

Committee Member

Committee Member

NON VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

James Doan

Sgt. Mike Garbutt

Supervisor, Towing, Parking, Animal
Services, Cemetery & Field Maintenance
New Westminster Police Department

STAFF:

Eugene Wat

Jerry Behl

Carilyn Cook

Jason Haight (left at 6:49 p.m.)

Manager Infrastructure Planning

Transportation Engineer

Committee Secretary

Manager, Business Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Small Improvements to be Done – Marion Orser

This Item is discussed under New Business, Item 5.4

1.2 Additions to Agenda & Adoption of September 9, 2015 Agenda (Revised) – Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians Meeting held on September 9, 2015, including the addition of Item 1.1 above, 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 May 27, 2015 – Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians Meeting held on May 27, 2015 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Filming Permit Process – Jason Haight

Jason reviewed the email and photos that he received in February 2015 from a Committee member with concerns about a film crew blocking a curb letdown, etc., in Queens Park. He informed that Queens Park is a very popular location for filming and when filming is permitted in the Park, parking is allocated to crews in a very detailed fashion. Unfortunately, in this instance, the rules were not being adhered to as evidenced in the photos. During this time, the curbs were blocked and people in wheelchairs and with strollers had difficulty negotiating around the blocked curb letdowns.

Members discussed:

- Councillor Johnstone pointed out that the Committee would like to ensure that film crews always maintain bicycle and pedestrian access and that there is active enforcement.
- Once filming commences, the City's filming coordinator may drop by at any time, unannounced, to confirm that the crew is following the rules. If there are questions or concerns about filming, please contact Scott Harper at 604-527-4613.

4.2 Columbia Street/McBride Boulevard Intersection Update – Jerry Behl

Jerry summed up the challenges with making this crossing safer for pedestrians and the options forwarded to Council in April of 2014. The issue at this crossing is visibility; the crosswalk is not visible to westbound drivers who are approaching the light. The recommended option to Council has some impact on the heritage wall and was not supported. The supported option included erecting additional signage and the installation of pedestrian and cyclist activated flashing beacons. The modifications at the intersection have improved compliance with 70 – 80% of vehicles stopping at this intersection for pedestrians. Drivers are now more aware of the presence of a crosswalk.

Members discussed:

- It was suggested that the crosswalk be painted in a brighter colour to make it more visible.
- Enforcement is difficult at this intersection as there is no safe area for Police to park and issue tickets.
- Councillor Johnstone stated that, while the intersection seems to be working better, staff should continue to monitor the situation. He will contact other committees, including the Heritage Committee, to see if they are interested in discussing further improvement options for this intersection.

4.3 New Westminster to Burnaby Connectivity – Mary Wilson/Councillor Johnstone

Mary will share her ideas and concerns with the Committee during the Burnaby Connectivity Walkabout. Carilyn will poll the Committee for dates and times that work best for the majority.

4.4 Rotary Funding for the Cross Town Greenway – Andrew Feltham/Jerry Behl

Jerry informed the Committee that not much had happened so far with respect to this funding but that Antonia Reynolds would be in contact with Gordon Hobbis from Cap Bicycles to discuss possible uses for the funding.

4.5 Sapperton Triangle Park Pathway (E. Columbia at E. 8th Avenue) Update – Jerry Behl

Jerry informed the Committee that this pathway has been widened and paved. Next steps will be to install a curb letdown and No Parking signs.

Members discussed:

- Staff will explore the possibility of installing a crosswalk at this location. However, the City is currently inundated with requests for crosswalks at various locations. These requests are being prioritized.
- Drivers need to be educated on what is deemed a legal crossing for pedestrians. Many drivers are unaware that it is legal for pedestrians to cross at unmarked crosswalks.
- Karon will contact Antonia Reynolds to discuss combining resources to create a spring campaign to educate drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists about unmarked crossings.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Sidewalk Use Enforcement – Virginia Ayers/Mary Wilson

No discussion ensued – tabled to next meeting.

5.2 Transit Service Optimization – Jerry Behl

Jerry informed the Committee that he met with TransLink to discuss future transit service optimization in New Westminster. There are some significant changes

coming to transit with the Evergreen Line. TransLink is working on their consultation process for changes in 2016 onwards.

Members discussed

- TransLink will be providing a presentation to the Access Ability Advisory Committee (“AAAC”) on October 8th. Following the AAAC meeting, the presentation can be forwarded on to member of ACTBiPed for review. It will be too late in the process for them to be able to attend the next ACTBiPed meeting on November 3rd.

- The constraints with TransLink’s consultation process are timing, the number of municipalities that have to be consulted and the availability of TransLink staff.

5.3 Cyclist Dismount Sign Near Bailey Bridge – Andrew Feltham

Andrew explained to the group he now has to dismount his bike at this location; previously, it was not a requirement. Jerry will look into why this sign was put up and report back to the Committee.

5.4 Small Improvements to be Done – Marion Orser

Marion explained to the Committee that as most of the cycling funds are being allocated to the McBride connection, the Q2Q Bridge, etc., this leaves little money to have the inner-city cycling routes marked or identified. There are a lot of good routes in New Westminster but people do not know where they are located. She reminded the group that a few years ago the Committee went over a number of smaller things that could be done that would make a huge difference. Marion encouraged everyone to come to the next meeting with suggestions of small improvements that can be done in the City that would make a big impact. Staff can then give the Committee cost estimates for these suggestions.

Members discussed:

- Mayor’s Transportation Task Force is working on the Crosstown Greenway Initiative and Jerry is looking into best routes to school. The Task Force is looking for areas where connectivity can be improved. ACTBiPed could provide a list to submit to the Task Force.
- A small amount of money could possibly be earmarked to work on these minor improvements. It would be good for everyone to see the cost of making improvements.
- Jerry will see where the Mayor’s Transportation Task Force is with the various items in the Master Transportation Plan and report back to the Committee.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Action List - Committee

The Action List was discussed and the following comments were made:

- The first two items should be noted as "Tour Complete."
- All completed items should be changed from red to black.
- 5th Street and 5th Avenue is now complete. This can be taken off list.
- Crossings at lower 4th Street are complete. This can be taken off the List.
- Hotspot stencils, etc., are complete. Marion noted that there are no markings over the detectors to let bikers know where to place their bikes in order to activate the lights.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Original Signed

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
CHAIR

Original Signed

Carilyn Cook
COMMITTEE SECRETARY