



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

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

Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber & Chamber Meeting Room

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER REGRETS:

Jennifer Wolowic	- Committee Member
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STAFF:

Stephen Blore	- Transportation Planner, Engineering Services
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Sgt. Paul Fayle	- New Westminster Police Department

GUESTS:

Kay Teschke (left at 7:33 pm)	- Professor, School of Population & Public Health, The University of British Columbia
Mary Wilson	- Community Member

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions to Agenda & Adoption of November 22, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on November 22, 2017 be received and adopted with the addition of:

- 1. New Business, Item 5.5, Rezoning of 118 Royal Avenue - Andrew Feltham, Committee member.*

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 20, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on September 20, 2017 be received and adopted with the following changes:

- 1. New Business, Item 5.2, first bullet point should read: ‘...looking into the issues of the approaches to the on ramp, being the intersections on either side and the blocks before...’*

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act – Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC – Kay Teschke

After introducing Kay Teschke, Professor, School of Population & Public Health, Councillor Johnstone provided a brief summary of the Committee’s mandate and a short roundtable introduction took place. On behalf of the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC, Kay commenced with her presentation titled, ‘*Modernizing the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act.*’ She explained that the current BC

Motor Vehicle Act (“the Act”) was passed in 1957, with motorists in mind. Since then, motor vehicles are up 1400% and cycling is up over 300%, necessitating upgrades to the Act. There are 25 recommended changes to the Act under the following categories: Section 1 – Change the Name of the Act; Section 2 – Amend Rules of the General Application; Section 3 – Add Rules to Improve Cyclist Safety; Section 4 – Add Rules for Cyclist-Pedestrian Safety; and Section 5 – Add Fines for Violation that Threaten Vulnerable Road Users.

The following discussion ensued:

- The Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC is looking to get municipal councils on board with the proposed recommendations and take it the Union of BC Municipalities (“UBCM”);
- The whole BC Motor Vehicle Act is antiquated and needs to be modernized;
- Not all municipalities have the same bylaws – they should be consistent throughout the province;
- It was noted that there is nothing in the amendments related to licensing cyclists - perhaps this is something that should be considered since cyclists have to know a lot of road rules;
- Infrastructure needs to acknowledge the presence of bicycles.

The following motion was passed:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the ACTBiPed recommend that Council endorse the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC’s suggestions for modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act, consider sponsoring a resolution to that effect to the Union of BC Municipalities and correspond with appropriate agencies and ministries in support of the initiative.

CARRIED.

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

The group will be notified when the recommendation goes to Council.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 2017 Transportation Work Plan Status Report – Stephen Blore (see Item 7.1)

Stephen Blore, Transportation Planner, briefly recapped his report. It was noted that the bus shelter in Quayside has been tendered and is in progress. Also,

construction on the Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway at Braid Street will start very soon, building the sections up to the railway lines.

4.2 Sapperton Green Summary of ACTBiPed Project Sub Committee Meeting – Kanny Chow (see Item 7.2)

Note: Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer, was unable to attend the meeting; however, members who attended the ACTBiPed Project Sub Committee Meeting regarding Sapperton Green agreed that the summation provided in the report was accurate.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Downtown Transportation Plan – Stephen Blore (see Item 7.3)

After a quick overview of Stephen's report, the following discussion ensued:

- Electric charging stations, bike lockers and bike racks, etc., are being considered for this area;
- Members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Downtown Transportation Plan Workshop being held on November 28th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Anvil Centre, to share their insights and thoughts about walking, cycling, accessing transit, and vehicle travel through the neighbourhood;
- A member stated that limiting traffic through certain areas would impact other areas, while another member stated that downtown should be traffic calmed to make it more enjoyable for pedestrians, cyclists, and visitors in general;
- Staff is looking for feedback from the broader community on how to handle issues, brought to their attention by residents over the past few years;
- A bold move would be to deprioritize vehicular traffic and make the area more usable for other modes of transportation;

5.2 Q to Q Demonstration Ferry Service Outcomes and Next Steps – Lisa Leblanc (see Item 7.4)

As Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, was unable to attend the meeting, Stephen provided a brief outline of the report on her behalf. Staff are seeking input from members with respect to their expectations of mitigating accessibility challenges on the ferry.

The following discussion ensued:

- Consideration also needs to be given to those with strollers and bicycles;
- The City should do its best to try to accommodate everyone;

- The project manager would look into mitigating things such as high tide, etc.;
- Accessibility signage needs to be changed as the previous signage was unwelcoming to those with accessibility challenges;
- Staff advised that this topic was also discussed at the last Access Ability Advisory Committee meeting and will be revisited at the December 6th meeting;
- The City does not know yet which boat will be used for the pilot program;
- A member stated that the ferry should accommodate more than four bicycles;
- The project manager will advise staff on how to structure the program to best assess use of the service for possible commuter service, including how TransLink could be involved in the assessment, etc.

5.3 Mobility Pricing Independent Commission – Strategic Discussion – Lisa Leblanc (see Item 7.5)

Committee members provided the following comments:

- This may be viewed as a sort of tax on those who cannot afford to live near where they work;
- We need to look at the effect this may have in terms of equity;
- A suggestion was made to tax businesses choosing to locate in the most expensive areas and then put the funds towards creating affordable housing;
- A member, who attended one of the workshops as a stakeholder, informed the group that they were focussing on three objectives: 1) relieving congestion; 2) fairness; and 3) driving revenue for infrastructure. He also informed the group that the Commission will be delivering a report to the Mayors' Council in the spring;
- Councillor Johnstone urged everyone to complete the online survey to provide their feedback on the issue.

5.4 Change to the Terms of Reference: Addition of Seat for a Member of the Walkers' Caucus – Councillor Johnstone

Councillor Johnstone reminded members that the ACTBiPed has always had a seat representing bicyclists (HUB) and now, with the creation of the Walkers' Caucus, it is requested that the Committee create a position for the representation of pedestrians.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians be amended to include a representative of a walking club and/or organization who is a resident of New Westminster.

CARRIED.

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

5.5 Rezoning of 118 Royal Avenue – Andrew Feltham

Andrew provided a brief recap to members of the rezoning of 118 Royal Avenue. He advised that the property around École Qayqayt Elementary would be an ideal location to connect from the Agnes Street area up to Royal Avenue as, for cyclists, Royal Avenue can be intimidating with very steep approaches that bring you to a high-volume traffic area, which you then have to cross. The area around the School is ideal as we can create a nice, level path with about a 3% grade which will take you up to a nice platform area allowing you to collect your senses, look around, and be safe from traffic.

The following discussion ensued:

- It was noted that as it is a single property being rezoned, a normal-sized pathway is not an option;
- A member suggested that the City have the new property accommodate this and possibly approach the School Board to reach a compromise;
- If the proposed pathway does not get implemented, cyclists will be dealing with a 12% grade.

The following motion was passed:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the ACTBiPed recommend to the Land Use Planning Committee that the rezoning proposal for the property at 118 Royal Avenue be required to accommodate a low-grade cycling and pedestrian connection from Royal Avenue to Cunningham Street.

CARRIED.

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

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At this point in the meeting, Councillor Johnstone reminded everyone that this was the last meeting of the year and he thanked everyone for participation on the Committee.

6.0 NETWORK UPDATES

No items.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- 7.1 Report: 2017 Transportation Work Plan Status Report (see Item 4.1)**
- 7.2 Report: Sapperton Green Summary of ACTBiPed Project Sub Committee Meeting (see Item 4.2)**
- 7.3 Report: Downtown Transportation Plan (see Item 5.1)**
- 7.4 Report: Q to Q Demonstration Ferry Service Outcomes and Next Steps (See Item 5.2)**
- 7.5 Report: Mobility Pricing Independent Commission – Strategic Discussion (see Item 5.3)**

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

9.0 NEXT MEETINGS

TBD

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

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CARILYN COOK
COMMITTEE SECRETARY