



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

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Boardroom A - City Hall

AGENDA

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions & Adoption of the April 24, 2019 Agenda

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 21, 2019

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 RCH Redevelopment – Tom Sparrow, Chief Project Officer

**3.2 New Westminster Canada Games Pool – Steve Kellock & Paul Fast, Principal
HCMA Architecture & Design, Alexandra Kenyon – Associate, HCMA
Architecture & Design**

3.3 Signal Timing – Natalie McRae, Engineering Co-op student

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 ACTBiPed Workshop – Stephen Blore

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 No items

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Pedestrian Crossing at 11th Street & Royal Avenue – Reena Meijer Drees

6.2 Walk30 Challenge

6.3 Jane's Walk

6.4 UBCM Response to 2018 Resolutions

9.0 NEXT MEETINGS

June 26, 2019, September 4, 2019, November 6, 2019

10.0 ADJOURNMENT



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRANSIT,
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Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Boardroom A

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MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member
Larry Giles	- Committee Member
Charlie Hunter	- Committee Member
Phil Kehres	- Committee Member
Reena Meijer Drees	- Walkers' Caucus
Elliot Roy	- Student
Robert Wong	- Committee Member

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Iain Lancaster	- SD40 Representative
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MEMBER REGRETS:

Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative
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GUESTS:

Mary Wilson

STAFF:

Stephen Blore	- Senior Transportation Planner
Tabitha Guichon	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Sgt. Greg Smith	- New Westminster Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Procedural Note:

Item 3.1: Orientation and Oath of Office
to be conducted prior to the start of regular agenda items.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions & Adoption of the February 21, 2019 Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on February 21, 2019 be received and adopted with the addition of the following items:

- *Item 7.1 – Update on Royal Avenue & Eleventh Street,*
- *Item 7.2 Riverfront Park – 660 Quayside Open House*
- *Item. 7.3- Announcements.*

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 November 21, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on November 21, 2018 be received and adopted with the addition of the wording “the term” prior to the word jaywalking in the first bullet on page 5.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation and Oath of Office – Carilyn Cook, Legislative Services

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, provided a presentation which covered the role of advisory committees, terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies & freedom of information and, lastly, oaths of office.

3.2 2019 Committee Work Plan – Stephen Blore

Stephen Blore, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the 2019 Committee Work Plan. This included discussing the Master Transportation plan and the transportation division goals. The 2019 focus is on the following:

- Accessibility improvements, walking infrastructure improvements, the pedestrian crossing improvement program and public seating.

- Rotary Crosstown Greenway improvements, cycling & greenway network improvements, Agnes Greenway, BFRG Braid Street Phase 3 and the Central Valley Greenway.
- Bus stop improvements, bus shelter prioritization and transit planning.
- 6th Street & East Columbia Great Streets
- Traffic Calming in Connaught Heights, McBride Sapperton, Massey Victory Heights, Downtown & Queens Park
- Q to Q Ferry, 6th Street ped/bike overpass & the Belmont parklet
- Downtown Transportation Plan (including Agnes Street Greenway), signal timing review, 22nd Street FTDA & Bylaw amendments

Following the presentation, members were given post-it notes and asked the following question:

- What are your 3 biggest transportation issues/concerns/gripes in the City of New Westminster?

The ideas were then posted on the wall and reviewed with the committee members to find a common theme/issue/concern that they would like addressed in 2019 that the committee can work on to Advise Council. The result of the workshop was the push buttons (beg buttons).

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 No items

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Election of Alternate Chair – Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Véronique Boulanger act as the Alternate Chair for the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians for the 2019 term.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 NETWORK UPDATES

6.1 No items.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Update on the Eleventh & Royal Avenue Crossing

Committee Members have not heard back from the Engineering staff. Staff will follow up with the Engineering department staff.

7.2 RiverFront Park @ 660 Quayside design workshop

City staff are looking for volunteers from the committee to attend the workshop to help provide some input on the design. The workshop is happening at City Hall on February 26, 2019 at 6 p.m.

7.3 Announcements

- The 3rd Annual Walk30 challenge will be happening from April 8 – May 10th. Registration opens on March 11th.
- Jane's Walk will be coming up in the 1st week of May

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 No items

9.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

Original Signed

TABITHA GUICHON
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Report on pedestrian crossing at 11th and Royal

results of meeting with City

Reena Meijer Drees, Walkers' Caucus

I met with Kanny Chow and Lisa Leblanc to discuss our concerns regarding the proposed crossing at 11th and Royal. The meeting was cordial and I am happy with the results of our discussion; some compromises were reached. I summarize below.

- The crosswalk will be mid-block, between 11th and the service entrance to the mall.
- The sidewalk on the mall side will be widened, removing lane space from the road
- There is no bike lane planned on either side of the crosswalk; cyclists will be either on the road, or the sidewalk.
- The light will be pedestrian-activated and the City indicated that it would be *more responsive* than having a light tied in with the intersection at Stewardson and Royal (as would have to be done if the crosswalk were put at 11th). **Note:** this is a critical point for Walkers' Caucus; in our opinion, pedestrians will only use the light *if it changes quickly when a crossing is requested*. If it takes too long, pedestrians will be tempted to cross at 11th.
- There will be a concrete median installed down the center of Royal from the crosswalk to the existing island at Stewardson, to prevent traffic from turning left up Royal from 11th (and left out of the liquor store driveway). The median will be ~90 cm wide, which is below standard for a pedestrian refuge, but it can be used as such.
- There will be no fence installed on the median. If additional traffic blocking is required, bollards will be considered. The median will remain porous to pedestrians.
- Two sidewalk-width cuts will be made through the median, one on either side of 11th, to allow both pedestrians and those on wheels to continue to exercise their legal right to cross at 11th, should they desire to do this. It is hoped that everyone will use the crosswalk, though.
- The City has contacted the Mall owners to see if the service entrance to the mall could be amenitized and made safer for pedestrian traffic. The Mall has declined. This remains a sore point for us; pedestrians are being funneled into an unsafe laneway.

I understand that the project has been put out for tender and construction is expected this summer. Once complete, Walkers' Caucus is contemplating monitoring the pedestrian traffic through the service lane, with the possibility of starting a campaign to put pressure on the Mall to make the area safer for their clientele who arrive on foot.

Walk 30 Challenge

Registration closed April 26 and the Challenge is in full swing. There's a friendly rivalry between Burnaby and New West to win the Golden Shoe (aka the "shoe-phy"); New West is the defending champ.

This year we have increased registration from both community and schools, and more publicity (we got on CBC's Early Edition!), so we hope the event will continue to grow. We hope we can continue to scrounge funds to enable us to hold another challenge next year.

This year, the Walk30 Challenge will wrap up with a free pedestrian forum, with keynote speaker and breakout sessions, to be held later in May. Details will be published on the Walkers' Caucus website. The purpose is to increase membership in and awareness of pedestrian advocacy in general, and the Walkers' Caucus in particular. We'd love to start a Burnaby chapter!

Jane's Walk



Jane's Walk has been "rebooted" and now is under the umbrella of Walkers' Caucus.

This year, we have

- A new logo (personalized for New Westminster!), a huge shout-out to Daniel Rohloff
- A very easy way to volunteer to lead a walk, check out walkerscaucus.ca/janeswalk
- 7 walks planned already, starting Friday evening May 3
- Some "swag" for volunteer walk leaders, thanks to a small grant!

Please participate, either join one of the community walks, or volunteer to lead one!

March 7, 2019

Mayor and Council
City of New Westminster
511 Royal Avenue
New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9



Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Provincial Response to 2018 Resolutions

UBCM has received the Province's response to your Council resolution(s) from 2018. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

All responses from the Province have been posted to the UBCM web site under Resolutions & Policy.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process.

Tel: 604.270.8226 ext. 100 Email: jjustason@ubcm.ca

Very Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arjun Singh".

Arjun Singh
UBCM President

Enclosure

**2018 B102 Updating the *BC Motor Vehicle Act* to Improve Safety
for All Road Users**

New Westminster

Whereas the *BC Motor Vehicle Act* was originally passed in 1957, and reflecting the transportation environment of its time, it was written with an emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of motorist, and does not adequately address the rights and responsibilities of other road users;

And whereas the provincial government has established a “Vision Zero” plan to eliminate road-related injuries and deaths by 2020, through the trend towards reduced injuries and deaths for vulnerable road users are not keeping pace with improved safety for motorists;

And whereas the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC have created meaningful recommendations toward reform of the Act based on current scientific and legal research, recognized best safety practices from other jurisdictions, and the experiences of BC road users;

And whereas the Provincial Health Officer’s Annual Report “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Reducing the impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes on the health and well-being in BC” seeks to address challenges to road safety while building upon our current successes;

And whereas these recommendations address modern conditions on the provinces’ roads, and seek to reduce conflicts between motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and persons with disabilities, and better protect seniors, children and other vulnerable road users:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to support modernization of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, addressing the recommendations in the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC Position Paper entitled “Modernizing the *BC Motor Vehicle Act*” to enhance safety for all road users.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

The Province is always looking at new safety solutions that reflect the way roads are being used today. The Province invests in transportation improvements, provides the regulatory tools to support enforcement, and invests effort in educational programs to improve safety on our road system. Work will continue as the Province pursues Vision Zero so that British Columbia will have the safest roads in North America with the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

The Province is encouraged by submissions made by various stakeholders respecting the Motor Vehicle Act. These submissions are reviewed by ministry staff as part of our efforts to determine how the Act can enhance road safety and promote an efficient and economic transportation system.

Any significant revisions to the Motor Vehicle Act undertaken would be part of a complex, multi-year project and would require considerable research and analysis, including cross-jurisdictional scans and consultations with an extensive range of stakeholder groups.