

RAILWAY COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

May 18, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr - Co-Chair
Gordon Hamilton - City Resident
Bill Magri - City Resident
Derek Ollman - Southern Railway representative
Emile Scheffel - Canadian National representative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Bill Harper - City Council
Singh Biln - Southern Railway representative
Bhupinder Dhillon - City Resident
Mike LoVecchio - Co-Chair, Canadian Pacific representative
Richard Wagner - Burlington North SF

STAFF:

Lisa Leblanc - Manager of Transportation
Vedran Hrbacek - Engineer Technologist
Kanny Chow - Transportation Engineer
Lauren Blake - Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Councillor Puchmayr assumed the Chair.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the January 13, 2016 Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Railway Community Advisory Panel be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 STANDING ITEMS

6.1 Whistle Cessation

a) Downtown Whistle Cessation Update

Vedran Hrbacek, Engineer Technologist, provided the following update regarding Downtown whistle cessation:

- Crossing signals have been installed at the Begbie Street and Front Street crossing;
- An application to Transport Canada may be delayed until the parkade project is completed, due to the presence of large machinery near the crossing;
- Gating will be implemented at the Fourth Street crossing; and,
- Railway and City signals have been installed at the Fourth Street crossing.

b) City-wide Whistle Cessation Program

Vedran Hrbacek, Engineer Technologist, provided the following update regarding City-wide whistle cessation:

- The requirements and cost for the Spruce Street crossing have been finalized;
- Whistle cessation for the Cumberland crossing is being finalized;
- A treatment and design for the Quayside crossing has been agreed upon by the City and the railways;
- The presence of a garage, bungalow and wide pedestrian crossing are issues to be addressed for the Quayside crossing; and,
- Work is being completed on the Braid Street crossing.

Mr. Hrbacek advised that reports will be brought forward to Council outlining the requirements that are being completed at each crossing.

c) Queensborough Crossing Upgrades

Vedran Hrbacek, Engineer Technologist, provided the following update regarding Downtown whistle cessation:

- A preliminary review has been completed for gate placement for the Salter Street and Derwent Way crossing;
- A consultant will bring forward a report outlining the requirements for the Salter Street and Derwent Way crossing; and,
- Deficiencies at the Ewen Avenue and Port Royal crossing have been addressed, and whistling is no longer required at this crossing.

6.2 City Projects

a) Braid Street Greenway

Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Braid Street Greenway.

b) Q2Q Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge

Vedran Hrbacek, Engineer Technologist, provided the following update regarding the Q2Q Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge:

- Council directed staff to refine the reference concept to reflect a low level bridge of 7 metres;
- A cost estimate for a low level bridge would be completed prior to engaging in discussions with the Marine Council;
- A risk analysis and technical reasoning for a low level bridge would be required; and,
- The proposed location for the bridge has not changed.

6.3 Railway Projects

There were no items.

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

8.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8.1 CN Fraser River Bridge Rehabilitation Update

Emile Scheffel, CN Representative, advised that CN will be replacing four stands and piers of the CN Fraser River Bridge, which could improve the vertical clearance. It is anticipated that the project would take advantage of existing closures on Front Street. Work is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2016.

In response to questions from the Panel, Mr. Scheffel advised that CN is working with TransLink to take advantage of the Pattullo Bridge closures.

Discussion ensued, and the Panel suggested that the reports regarding Protective Direction 36 from Transport Canada could be requested and distributed to the Panel.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items.

11.0 NEXT MEETING

September 7, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chamber

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting concluded at 1:58 p.m.

Chuck Puchmayr
Co-Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk