



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

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**City Hall**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member
Charlie Hunter	- Committee Member
Phil Kehres	- Committee Member
Elliot Roy	- Student
Robert Wong	- Committee Member
Reena Meijer Drees	- Walkers' Caucus
Iain Lancaster	- SD40 Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative
Mike Smith-Cairns	- Committee Member

**MEMBER REGRETS:**

Larry Giles	- Committee Member
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**GUESTS:**

Mary Wilson

**STAFF:**

Stephen Blore	- Senior Transportation Planner
Mike Anderson	- Transportation Engineer
Tabitha Guichon	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services
Antonia Reynolds	- Coordinator, Active Transportation
Sgt. Greg Smith	- New Westminster Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

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

### **1.1 Additions & Adoption of the June 26, 2019 Agenda**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on June 26, 2019 be received and adopted with the addition of the following items:*

- *5.2- Bicycle lane connections to New Westminster Secondary School;*
- *5.3 - Construction access plan,*
- *5.4 - Active Transportation Summit.*

**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 April 24, 2019**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on April 24, 2019 be received and adopted with the change to item 2.1 noting the strong safety concerns regarding the NE corner of the New Westminster Aquatic and Community Centre site plan.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Greenway Design in New Westminster – Local Street Greenway Versus Separated Facilities – Mike Anderson**

Mike Anderson provided a presentation on the Greenway Planning & Design for the Greenways in New Westminster with a focus on Agnes Street & Seventh Ave. There are a few options that the city is considering. See attachment 1 for the presentation.

Discussion ensued and the following information was provided by Staff:

- Seventh Avenue between Sixth & Eighth would see a drastic reduction to the amount of cars if the direction would be to make the facility all ages and abilities.

- Traffic Counts have been done periodically on the Crosstown Greenway to monitor change, and have also been done on Agnes Street to get a better understanding of vehicle volumes and speeds.
- Agnes Street was chosen when this committee and the mayor did a bike ride a number of years to find a gentle-sloping connection between downtown and uptown. The Pattullo Bridge Replacement will be connecting their pedestrian and cyclist ramps to the Agnes Greenway. The end point of the Greenway at the western extent is still up for discussion.
- Future developments occurring in the area could help to pay for, or construct some of the improvements identified.

The following information was provided by committee members:

- Consider plans for signage along the route to direct people to destinations available along the greenway.
- Separate the bike facilities from traffic, especially around schools.
- Infrastructure needs to accommodate the e-bikes as well.
- Protected is good as long as the lanes are wide enough.
- Losing parking is not a concern for some members.
- This can't be a short term solution.
- Need to look at if this is being designed as AAA or as something else.
- Should be designing for the future and getting people out of cars and towards different mobility means.
- Education or signage saying that cyclists are allowed on the road but must maintain speed.
- Local Street Greenway would be preferred for cyclists that travel fast.
- For Seventh Avenue, having it green would help extend Moody Park with the road and continue that feel.
- Diversionary traffic controls will cut down on the rat racing through that area, it would keep cars on Sixth and Eighth where they should be.
- Make sure the traffic doesn't shift to Hamilton St.
- Moody Park to Fifth Street should have some separation from traffic. Work should be done on Seventh East of Fifth St.
- Agnes would be good to have separated bike paths in front of Qayqayt
- A Greenway between Qayqayt and sixth and then in the Pattullo bridge connections was suggested.
- Higher density places on Agnes will need some separation.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 ACTBiPed Workshop “Beg Buttons” – Stephen Blore**

Stephen Blore provided a brief update on the discussion from the last meeting about the beg buttons. It was noted that the use of the buttons were questioned

including how the pedestrians have to wait and the inconsistency of the placement of the buttons. Pedestrian signal timing has been worked on by staff and will be going to council and through that work, staff have discussed developing an overall signal policy which would include the work being done through ACTBiPed. Staff noted that the discussion included themes such as when a light is green the pedestrian light should also be activated as well as the topic of walking speed and Pedestrian clearance intervals.

Discussion ensued and the committee provided the following comments and information:

- Create policy guidelines to help the city
- Create a set of principles
- Discussion on No right turns on red
- The timing to clear the intersection
- The location of the pressing buttons
- Need for clear communication for all road users
- Countdown timers are more effective
- There may be some “corner cases” that would have to be dealt with when they arise

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Update on Permanent Bike Counters – Stephen Blore**

The city has been working with Translink and their sub consultant to roll out permanent bike counters. New Westminster will be getting 1 counter this year which will be on the Moody Park side of the crosstown greenway behind the Bowling Green clubhouse. This will be fully funded, maintained and operated by Translink, but the city will have access to the data. The city has asked for the data to be open and for a visual count so everyone see it. It was suggested that the counter and loop be visible from Eighth and so that drivers can also see it.

### **5.2 New West Secondary bike access – Robert Wong**

A presentation was made to city council outlining some priorities with one of them being the access to the school. A response is going to council on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be brought back on the work plan in the future.

### **5.3 Construction Access Plan – Robert Wong**

Members were wondering whether the city reviews work if a contractor is doing a job. Staff are aware that there is a lack of enforcement and education available. The city is currently working on educational material to address this.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Update on Walk30 Challenge – Antonia Reynolds**

Antonia Reynolds provided an update on the walk30 challenge. Report provided. Pre & Post surveys. Members suggested to consider doing a September session when students are back in school

**7.0 NEXT MEETINGS**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Certified correct,

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**PATRICK JOHNSTONE**

**CHAIR**

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**TABITHA GUICHON**

**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**