



**NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(NTAC)**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Room 1**

**AGENDA**

Procedural Note: Orientation and Oath of Office will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting.

**1.0 ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of February 13, 2018**

**2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 7, 2017**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Orientation and Oath of Office – Debbie Johnstone, Legislative Services**

**3.2 Master Transportation Plan Overview – Lisa Leblanc**

**4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No items.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development**

– Oana Capota (See Item 6.1)

**5.2 Election of Alternate Chair – Committee**

**5.3 2018 Work Plan Workshop – Lisa Leblanc**

**5.4 Stop Sign Running at Seventh Avenue/Sixth Street – Phil Walkinshaw**

**5.5 Request for Update on Removal of Bus Lane on Eighth Avenue  
– Doug Bjornson**

**5.6 Request for Letter to Canada Post re Rat Running – Doug Bjornson**

**5.7 Request for Speed Bumps on Glover Street - Doug Bjornson**

**5.8 Reconsideration of Decision re Quayside Crosswalk – Marta Nykl**

**6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**6.1 Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development (See Item 5.1)**

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**No items.**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**  
**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(NTAC)**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Room 1**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair                            |
| Doug Bjornson            | - Glenbrooke North RA Rep          |
| Robert Petrusa           | - Connaught Heights RA Rep         |
| Cheryl Greenhalgh        | - DPAC Rep                         |
| Roland Guasparini        | - Downtown RA Rep                  |
| Philip Walkinshaw        | - Moody Park RA Rep                |
| Karon Trenaman           | - ICBC Rep                         |
| Marta Nykl               | - Quayside Community Board Rep     |
| David Tate               | - Community Member                 |
| Gail Ancill              | - Queens Park RA Rep               |
| Dale Bradley             | - Massey/Victory Heights RA Rep    |
| Gavin Palmer             | - Queensborough RA Rep             |
| Vacant                   | - Coast Mountain Bus Group         |
| Vacant                   | - Downtown Business Association    |
| Vacant                   | - New West Chamber of Commerce Rep |
| Vacant                   | - School District #40 Rep          |

**REGRETS:**

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| Gavin McLeod | - West End RA Rep          |
| Babar Khalid | - McBride-Sapperton RA Rep |

**STAFF:**

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| Lisa Leblanc                    | - Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services     |
| Stephen Blore (Left at 6:20 pm) | - Transportation Planner, Engineering Services      |
| Fan Jin                         | - Transportation Technologist, Engineering Services |
| Sgt. Paul Fayle                 | - New Westminster Police Department                 |
| Carilyn Cook                    | - Committee Secretary, Engineering Services         |

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

As Dale Bradley and Gavin Palmer were new to the Committee, a brief roundtable introduction commenced.

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

### **1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of November 7, 2017**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on November 7, 2017 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 June 27, 2017**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on June 27, 2017 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

### **2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of September 19, 2017**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on September 19, 2017 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**No items.**

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**No items.**

**5.1 Downtown Transportation Plan – Stephen Blore (see Item 6.1)**

Stephen Blore, Transportation Planner, recapped his report and invited members to the Downtown Transportation Plan (Plan) listen and learn workshop taking place on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Anvil Centre from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During the workshop, staff will confirm that they have documented all community concerns, receive new ones, and be made aware of any gaps that may exist in the information they have to date.

The following discussion ensued:

- Regarding the Pattullo Bridge replacement, the road network was brought to the public this time last year and reference concept finalized – how it will look, including how cyclists and pedestrians will connect with the downtown, is currently under consideration. The anticipated completion date of the new bridge is 2023;
- Staff advised that mailouts have been sent to every resident and business in the downtown area. Also, a stakeholder matrix has been developed and an email went out informing them of the Plan. Staff will also reach out to the Downtown Residents' Association, Quayside Community Board, and the Business Improvement Association for input and to be part of a focus group consisting of approximately 10 people;
- The Plan includes issues that can be fixed in the shorter term and which aspire to meet the pedestrian goals of the Master Transportation Plan (MTP);
- A member suggested that the City be bold and block off streets to eliminate rat running, citing Vancouver's West End neighbourhood as an example;
- A member stated that a MTP goal is to keep through traffic at the present level; however, as rat running is eliminated from residential neighbourhoods, it will put more traffic on the arterials roads;
- A member asked that reduction of first responder vehicle noise be included in the discussion;
- Since the downtown has a lot of walking and transit options, staff are looking to get people to utilize sustainable transportation options;
- The City's goal is to keep traffic on the right roads and keep neighbourhoods safe and liveable;
- Encouraging drivers to use Front Street is an option that staff are considering;
- Staff are seeking feedback from everyone with respect to the Plan as, while someone may not necessarily live in the neighbourhood, they will probably at some point be visiting or passing through it. Staff are trying to gauge acceptance levels of the various options to distinguish how people want to see the downtown area function.

## **5.2 Ewen Avenue and Howes Street Intersection Traffic Signal Modifications** – **Kanny Chow** (see Item 6.2)

As Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer, was unable to attend the meeting, Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, addressed the report, noting that there had been a lot of changes in Queensborough throughout the years. Staff have received a lot of comments regarding the signal change at this intersection and that, based on the consultant's suggestions, the signal timing will be adjusted along with other modifications to the intersection being implemented.

The following discussion ensued:

- A member of the Committee noted that since Ewen Avenue was opened up at Derwent Way, there appears to be an increase in traffic during the peak periods; however, there was not a heavy stream of traffic the rest of the time;
- Staff are working with provincial counterparts to coordinate signal timing, noting that congestion from the Queensborough Bridge provides an extra challenge when dealing with the intersections closest to the bridge.

## **5.3 Q to Q Demonstration Ferry Service Outcomes and Next Steps** – **Lisa Leblanc** (see Item 6.3)

Lisa stated that up to 80 people an hour used the demonstration ferry service and that staff had received a great deal of feedback through the comment cards.

Committee members provided the following comments:

- Some members found that the ferry was not very accessible, that there were not enough places for people to sit while waiting for the ferry, and that the ramp was too steep for the elderly;
- It was a nice, enjoyable ride to take in the scenery;
- The ferry service could, be used for commuting and getting people to the SkyTrain station;
- It would be nice to have a shuttle bus on the Queensborough side to take people from the ferry to the mall and other points of interest;
- A member suggested that if the timing is adjusted, students could use it to get to New Westminster Secondary School.

## **5.4 Mobility Pricing Independent Commission – Strategic Discussion** – **Lisa Leblanc** (see Item 6.4)

Lisa advised that this topic had been taken to a number of city committees for feedback. She explained that mobility pricing refers to the suite of fees and

charges for using transportation services such as bridge tolls, parking, road use, transit fees, etc., and asked members what their thoughts were, in general, on mobility pricing.

Members provided the following feedback:

- If the roads are in good condition and working efficiently, some would not mind paying a mobility fee;
- If kept reasonable, some thought it would be more fair than tolling the bridges.

### **5.5 Traffic Count Data After Bridge Toll Removal – Fan Jin (see Item 6.5)**

Fan Jin, Transportation Technologist, summarized the report which provided information about traffic impacts on four major roads in the City since the elimination of tolls on the Port Mann Bridge and Golden Ears Bridge.

The following discussion ensued:

- Members observed that truck use on East Eighth Avenue was down significantly, while traffic had increased on the Port Mann Bridge;
- TransLink is looking at traffic in the region as a whole and working on a regional road network strategy which we should hear more about in 2018.

### **5.6 Traffic Directing Signage at the Intersection at Front Street & Begbie Street – David Tate**

David Tate, Committee member, advised that when travelling westbound on Front Street to Begbie Street, there is not adequate signage indicating the left turns are not permitted at this intersection. Staff made note of the issue and will consider it in the context of the Downtown Plan.

### **5.7 Possible Restriction of Left Turns from Front Street onto Begbie Street – David Tate**

David stated that when travelling eastbound on Front Street towards Begbie Street, a lot of drivers turn left onto Begbie Street as a short cut. He suggested that left turns on this side of the intersection either be disallowed or that traffic to the area be restricted during rush hour or during all hours. Staff will take these suggestions into consideration as part of the Downtown Plan.

## **5.8 Requests for Additional Truck Signage & Enforcement of Truck Restrictions – David Tate**

David requested that more signage be put up indicating on which streets trucks are not permitted in order to prevent them from entering a street on which they may get stuck.

Sgt. Fayle advised of the following:

- Currently, the New Westminster Police Department has one member working on enforcement; however, it is anticipated that the second enforcement position will be filled by year end;
- Over a 2.5 day period in October that saw 329 trucks inspected, 140 were put out of service and 155 had violations but remained in service;
- Part of the ongoing process of these inspections is to determine how vehicles are coming back time and again with the same problems – where did they get the approval in the in-between time to get on the road again?

## **5.9 Safety Issues at the Intersection of Royal Avenue and Second Street – David Tate**

David informed the group that crossing Second Street at the s-shaped curve in this location is dangerous and he suggested that barricades be placed to prohibit people from turning left off Second Street towards the Pattullo Bridge and from turning left off of Royal Avenue up to Second Street or Park Row.

The following discussion ensued:

- A member felt that barricades at this intersection may be too bold of a move but suggested that there be restrictions during certain time times, such as when kids are walking to and from school, etc.

## **5.10 Stop Sign Infractions at Sixth Street & Seventh Avenue – Philip Walkinshaw**

Phil Walkinshaw, Committee member, advised that once the pedestrian light turn red, drivers are going through the stop sign at this location and, now with the bike lane, cyclists are turning left at the intersection from in front of parked cars which is very unsafe. He requested extra enforcement and the possible implementation of restricting turning at the intersection.

## **5.11 Speeding on Eighth Street at Hamilton Street – Phil Walkinshaw**

Phil reported that at this intersection, as well as along Eighth Street coming in to Moody Park, there is a lot of speeding. He suggested that better signage be placed

in the area, especially coming down Eighth Street towards the park, indicating the 30km/hr speed limit.

## **5.12 Impact of Tow Truck Availability on Response Time – Phil Walkinshaw**

Phil queried that since the City has only one tow truck, if there is a two-car accident, does this delay response times?

The following discussion ensued:

- Staff will provide information on this topic at a future meeting;
- It was noted that, while the City does not have a large vehicle tow truck, and if a tow truck is not available within a reasonable time period, another tow truck company will be called to assist.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Downtown Transportation Plan – Stephen Blore (see Item 5.1)**
- 6.2 Ewen Avenue and Howes Street Intersection Traffic Signal Modifications – Kanny Chow (see Item 5.2)**
- 6.3 Q to Q Demonstration Ferry Service Outcomes and Next Steps – Lisa Leblanc (see Item 5.3)**
- 6.4 Mobility Pricing Independent Commission – Strategic Discussion – Lisa Leblanc (see Item 5.4)**
- 6.5 Traffic Count Data After Bridge Toll Removal – Fan Jin (see Item 5.5)**
- 6.6 Action List – Committee**

The following discussion ensued:

- Action Item 2014-09-001 – Surrey Street and Tenth Avenue Diverter: Staff stated that plenty of useful feedback was received at the open house and that the Sapperton Transportation Plan will be going to Council by the end of the year;
- Action Item 2016-04-002 – Close the south leg pedestrian crosswalk at the Twentieth Street/Eighth Avenue intersection: Staff advised that comments were received at the last Connaught Height Transportation Plan open house and those comments will be added to the final Plan and presented to Council for consideration;
- A member reported that at Twelfth Street and Tenth Avenue eastbound there is one wide, unmarked lane being used as two lanes where people are passing illegally. Staff will look into this.

As this was the last meeting of the year, Councillor McEvoy thanked members for their contributions to the Committee, and reminded everyone that the application deadline to volunteer on City committees for 2018 was on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

No items.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

TBD

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Certified correct,

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**JAIMIE MCEVOY**  
**CHAIR**

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**CARILYN COOK**  
**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

## **REPORT**

### *Office of the CAO*

**To:** Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee      **Date:** February 13, 2018

**From:** Oana Capota  
Museum Curator  
New Westminister Museum & Archives      **File:** Doc #1156553

**Item #:** 5.1/6.1

**Subject: Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee provide suggestions for information to shape interpretive content for an upcoming transportation exhibition at the museum.

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#### **PURPOSE**

Exhibitions are an avenue to help develop people's understanding of a topic and its associated issues. The New Westminister Museum and Archives aspires to share the advisory group's traffic concerns and transportation goals to shape attitudes and behavioural changes for the better in the community at large.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The *People Gotta Move* transportation exhibition at the New Westminister Museum and Archives (NWMA) opens on Thursday July 5, 2018 and runs until the middle of November.

This project will explore the varying issues related to transportation in New Westminister and how they have impacted the growth, development and demise of neighbourhoods, industry and business in our city. It will also address how regional growth and local expectation has changed the manner in which people move to and through the city; exploring options for innovative solutions to today's issues.

The NWMA will work with the Vancouver LEGO Club to model the city and physically show the many ideas – past and present – that have been proposed to alter our city to help people get around better. Alongside the exhibition will be shown the actual plans and artefacts that have inspired the installation, and visitors will be engaged to offer solutions to current city transportation issues.