



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC)

**March 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair, City Council Member
Véronique Boulanger	- Community Member
Garey Carlson	- HUB Representative
Alice Cavanagh	- Business Community Representative
Berta Dominguez	- Community Member
Julianne King	- Community Member
Alex Kwan	- Professional/Technical Representative
Asifa Lalji	- Community Member
Iain Lancaster	- SD 40 Representative
Reena Meijer-Drees	- Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative
Randi Poitras	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Mike Cairns-Smith	- Community Member
Elliot Roy	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation
Mike Anderson	- Transportation Engineer
Trevor Dudar	- Inspector, NWPD
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Procedural note: Item 3.1: Orientation and Oaths of Office was addressed prior to the start of regular agenda Items.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee agenda of the March 4, 2020 meeting be adopted with the addition of Item 6.1: Walkers' Caucus Announcements by Reena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative.

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 the November 12, 2019 Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of the December 4, 2019 ACTBiPed Committee Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the ACTBiPed Committee minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation and Oaths of Office

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

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2020 Committee Work Plan

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, provided a presentation outlining the Committee's 2020 Work Plan. In effort to ensure fulsome and meaningful discussions during Committee meetings, Committee members were asked three questions regarding how they would like to receive information and their desired ways of engagement. In response, members provided the following comments:

- It would be helpful to receive information and questions, not in report form, in advance of the meeting with enough time to allow for consideration of the topic to be discussed;
- The Official Community Plan public engagement event at the Anvil Centre was good as it was interactive and engaged attendees in conversation;
- The Budget2020 public engagement, which also took place at the Anvil Centre, was good albeit time consuming; and,
- If the Committee were to engage in an exercise that requires members to break off into groups, the groups would need to be divided evenly with respect to lived experiences, etc.

5.2 Transportation Policy Framework

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, commenced with her presentation and encouraged Committee members to review the Master Transportation Plan which can be found on the City's website.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Leblanc provided the following comments:

- Fewer trips refers to trips taken by residents of New Westminster; and,
- Staff do not recommend that electric vehicles be considered sustainable transportation as they are still vehicles. The goal is to ensure that vehicles are used appropriately, not to get rid of them altogether.

Discussion ensued and a Committee member stated that it would be helpful to know where in the City accidents and collisions happen.

5.3 Uptown Streetscape Vision

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, commenced with her presentation noting that Uptown has a number of opportunities that the City can benefit from.

In response to the question, “Do the guiding principles capture what you want to see for uptown?” Committee members provided the following comments:

- Sustainable transportation (walking, transit, and biking) should be prioritized;
- The discussion should include improving the area’s walkability including wider sidewalks, universal design instead of curb cuts, removal of tree roots and other sidewalk obstructions, and elimination of all vehicles except buses and other shared transportation;
- Consideration needs to be given with respect to what the space is being used for and who we want to use it;
- Currently, the sidewalks inhibit those in chairs and other mobility devices from using transit such as the SkyTrain, buses, and HandyDarts;
- The area is much better after recent improvements; however, there is still plenty of room for improvement;
- The Guiding Principles should provide a better understanding of the role of vehicles in the area and define what the cars are there for, i.e. through traffic, drop offs, etc.;
- Drainage should be addressed through the design criteria;
- From a business perspective, loading zones are very important as is the 15 minute parking for those who experience mobility issues. There is a need for commercial zones for couriers, etc., especially if it is not provided for with the building; and,
- Aesthetically, the space should be vibrant and interesting, not so prescriptive or uniform.

Discussion ensued, and Committee members provided the following suggestions with respect to additional stakeholders that should be included in the Uptown Streetscape Vision conversation:

- Seniors who utilize Century House, noting that as a dementia-friendly city, consideration needs to be made in developing the space with respect to wayfinding, drop off zones, etc.;
- Members of the Youth Advisory Committee and students from the high school;
- Library user groups (check library programming for stakeholder suggestions); and,
- Services and businesses in the area (such as Fraserside Community Services Society and the Immigration Services Society of BC).

5.4 Parking Policy

Due to time constraints, Carilyn Cook, Committee clerk, agreed to circulate the Parking Policy document to Committee members so that they can provide their comments directly to Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation.

5.5 Election of Alternate Chair

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Véronique Boulanger be elected as the Alternate Chair for the 2020 term of the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Walkers' Caucus Announcements

Rena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative, announced that the Walk30 2020 Challenge against the City of Burnaby will run from April 6th to May 8th and encouraged Committee members to register for the Challenge on the Walkers' Caucus website.

Ms. Meijer-Drees also shared that Jane's Walk 2020 will take place from May 1st to May 3rd and that further information can be found on the Walker's Caucus website.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in Council Chamber at 5:30 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Certified correct,

Original Signed _____
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

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Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk