

Workshop – Capital Budget January 9, 2020

Anvil Centre 6-9pm

40 attendees

Post-it Notes from Discussion Tables:

Finance Table:

1. *What are your thoughts on the overall level of capital spending, the projected increase in debt and the projected decrease in reserves?*
 - Overall tracking and plan to ensure the percentage of money spent on climate emergency items increases every year
 - Debt seems too large. It is unfair to put future generations into debit, while the global economy is declining in the name of climate change for future generations

2. *If you'd be more comfortable with less capital spending overall, which types of projects would you say are low priority?*
 - Less \$ on: managed roads, Canada Games Pool, Massey Theatre, cosmetic park spending, no more fossil fuel consuming vehicles (even hybrids)
 - Less \$ on meters (electrical)

Seven Bold Steps Discussions

Carbon Free Homes and Buildings / Carbon Free Energy / Pollution Free Vehicles Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined and/or what could be improved?*
 - Homeowner EV strategy: how to financially assist old house owners to install high rate chargers at their homes?
 - Good to ensure that there will be infrastructure for EVs
 - Better visibility on ROI and cost/benefits
 - What I like: transition of municipal vehicles into more environmentally-friendly alternatives. "Promote" expanded use: incentives? Chargers in new apartments? Especially the new buildings near the Quay
 - EV strategy like (but charge for it!)
 - Add more transit
 - Like: DES makes sense – upgrading electrical makes sense

- Opportunity for improvement: Bold Step 3: No real action here, just four years to come up with a plan. Prefer actions to promote carbon free homes and buildings and associated targets
- Successfully implement CEEP in order to ? updated plan. Greater detail on how CEEP will improve our GHG emissions
- Disincentivize use of single occupancy vehicles
- District energy system is a great idea! Why only in Sapperton? Can other parts of city be tied in? \$53M seems like an enormous amount though
- Electric utility bucket vehicles \$931,000 for two vehicles seems excessive!
- Opportunity for improvement: Bold Step 4 (Pollution Free Vehicles): Hybrid vehicles still invests in fossil fuels, this is disappointing. Fully electric way better.

2. *What project(s) do you see as the top priority for the City? Which are the lowest priority?*

- Priority – making sure we have electrical substation capacity to handle the massive projected loads at 2030
- EV strategy and fleet strategy high priority
- Lowest: Comm and Corp EV charging strategy – Corps should pay their own
- Fleet strategy: high priority
- Carbon free homes should be highest
- Like District Free Energy. Expensive but the cost of inaction will be more expensive
- Top priority – Carbon free homes and buildings
- Cautious: carbon free homes and buildings. Need more information
- I can't prioritize a project over another until I know more info about it like costs/benefit or how much GHGs will be reduced. I would like to see more transparency
- Prioritize active transportation and collective transportation
- Lower priority: long term everyone cannot become dependent on their own vehicles electric or otherwise
- In terms of pollution free vehicles budget should include more spent on sustainable and active transportation, more \$ spent on infrastructure to support cycling and walking and transit and eliminating vehicles to meet carbon goals
- Top priority is spending to ensure that forecasted demand can be supplied (electrical)

3. *Is anything missing, and what would you take off the list to accommodate that?*

- CEEP should include option for homes to have two services for electricity with 2 paths: 1) heating and hot water, 2) other

- Improve the energy save program – more stuff should qualify
- Renewable energy entre high
- Like pollution free vehicles, carbon free energy
- Agree with (?) – current electrical incentives not worthwhile. Something simple for heat pumps would be good
- Missing – education and outreach
- Extend the total timeframe to achieve the long-range direction of these goals (think 100-1000 years)
- Take off hybrid vehicles
- Missing actions – infrastructure to encourage and allow greater use of pollution free vehicles like bicycles
- Take action to promote and /or require EV charging availability overnight in condos and other multi-family buildings. Is this included in Community & Corporate EV Charging Strategy or not? EVs include cars and bikes

Car Light Community Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined and/or what could be improved?*
 - More aggressive conversion to pedestrian and cycling prioritized routes. People choose active transportation when it is the most convenient and safe option
2. *What project(s) do you see as the top priority for the City? Which are the lowest priority?*
3. *Is anything missing, and what would you take off the list to accommodate that?*
 - In general, the budget does not spend enough on cycling infrastructure to keep up with the projections of the MTP and climate emergency goals. Some of the budget should come from some of the arts budget as sustainable transportation; falls under Climate Emerg 7 Bold Steps and arts does not
 - Sustainable transp promo and enable – a lot more \$ should be spent here. More \$ must be spent on access to schools to promote active transp, cycling and walking. Lot more \$ spent on building and improving integrated bike network as laid out in MTP
 - Reminder city polity says 1) Pedestrians, 2) Cyclists, 3) Transit, 4) Vehicles is the transp priority list
 - More affordable transit system for budget conscious (transporter room)
 - This budget must include money to establish a benchmark and monitoring plan for the 10% reallocation of road space away from car use

Quality People-Centred Realm Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined and/or what could be improved?*
 - More projects like the petting zoo that engage people more (1st one on the list)
 - Increase forest for shade and awnings on street frontages. Shelter will increase ped traffic

2. *What project(s) do you see as the top priority for the City? Which are the lowest priority?*
 - Lowest priorities: Queen's Park lighting and Sportsplex – unfortunately doesn't have a social justice element as Queen's Park is surrounded by plenty of single family sprawl
 - Lower priority: Ice plant systems replacement as it says it is for City emergency response but we know we need to spend money now on emission reductions instead of on climate emergency yet

3. *Is anything missing, and what would you take off the list to accommodate that?*
 - FN ppl and use of this land invisible to us
 - Lacrosse Box in Qborough – consider lawn in front of QCC – covered. Perhaps reconsider Hume Pool for this
 - Est benchmark for what road space is reallocated over X years. Clarification on what 10% is in road space reallocation
 - Places to fill water bottles (x3) – some cities have adapted fire hydrants
 - Something to address hills and helping aging population in plans
 - Why is pool not on this plan?
 - Outdoor washrooms that are consist open
 - Not many of projects are reallocation of street space – complete reallocation of street. Would like to see more of that
 - Want to see more tangible outcomes. Encourage more than 10%. It's the floor, not ceiling
 - Reduction of space for single occupancy vehicles
 - Quayside lighting replacement – what about pathways that aren't lit in Queensborough?
 - There must be money in this budget to establish the benchmark and monitoring program for the 10% reallocation of road space primarily used for motor vehicles

Strategic Priorities Discussions:

Culture & Economic Development / Reconciliation, Inclusion & Engagement Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined?*
2. *What could be improved / changed?*
 - Need to ensure there are greater face-to-face contact opps with community members during engagement
 - More clarity on what a healthy retail sector could look like
 - More public workshops around reconciliation
 - Prioritize projects already related to an existing plan
 - More \$ on reconciliation
 - No \$ for inclusion
3. *What do you see as the top priorities?*
 - Reconciliation
 - Develop systems that ensure inclusion of marginalized voices (i.e. homeless, Indigenous, etc.)
 - Public art
 - As we create new spaces, make sure they are inclusionary spaces
 - Retail strat
 - Make sure community art addresses reconciliation and inclusion
 - Where is the \$ to support inclusion?
 - Community engagement platform

Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined?*
2. *What could be improved / changed?*
 - Centennial Centre at the Canada Games Pool is to provide place of relief from extreme weather events – we need to include places of relief for extreme seismic events e.g. subduction quake
 - Hope to see some amenities for West End and Connaught Heights areas
 - Some concern about environmental (negative) aspects of synthetic turf fields
 - Convert any turf field funding for Queensborough to Lacrosse Box. The QB field at Old Schoolhouse is great. Pls consider Box at QCC front lawn
3. *What do you see as the top priorities?*

Affordable Housing / Environment & Climate Action Table:

1. What do you like about the projects outlined?

- Affordable Housing & Childcare: large chunk of funds being allocated to childcare projects
- Affordable and shelter housing is important and attention needs to be directed to this
- 1) Civic sustainable landscapes 2) Tree planting – makes NW cooler – better for peds and cyclists cooler
- Water conservation monitoring; Emergency plan – important for survival
- I like: how it addresses a wide range of facilities around the city; the focus on not just transitioning to green alternatives but also on the communal benefits; the water conservation program
- \$125,000 Civic Sustainable Landscapes could provide a lot of ‘bang for your buck’ and also engage citizens deeper in individual climate action
- Like tree planting, affordable housing and childcare, water conservation program
- Intersectional understanding of various hardships that will be endured from unraveling climate emergency
- I like supportive housing, social housing and other modes of affordable housing! This is an important area to invest in

2. What could be improved / changed?

- Gas powered blowers – replace
- Measures to address inter-municipality efforts to address infrastructure integration. You can try and protect QB how is Richmond trying to help? Unless we coordinate projects wont’ have max impact
- Drainage: water recycling? Fraser River – purification of industrial affluent? Improvement of salmon habitat?
- Nix the aquatic center and build affordable housing and keep the recycling depot

3. What do you see as the top priorities?

Organizational Effectiveness & Core Services Table:

1. What do you like about the projects outlined?

- E-Gov make a priority
- Priority on electrical / charging infrastructure
- Like the IT investments!
- Please make a priority the one stop shop portal – one door into City services

2. What could be improved / changed?

- Not need as many replacement printers

- Security cameras put low on the priority list
- Pattullo replacement coordination – why is NW City paying for this? Shouldn't the Province pay this?
- Printer replacement or in cloud move KB to cloud
- Faster more of IT infra and system to the cloud
- Less printers!! Don't replace. Move to paperless
- PC monitor / laptop replacement. \$909,000 seems excessive! Ditto for printer replacement. Data mining tools? IT systems \$149,000? Tempest \$160,800? What is JDE 912 upgrade?

3. *What do you see as the top priorities?*

Sustainable Transportation Table:

1. *What do you like about the projects outlined?*

- Pattullo Bridge cycle / ped access
- Like the Pattullo Bridge – head focus (long overdue) for cycling / pedestrian
- It seems like there is a good amount of money for sidewalk improvement
- Greenway network spot improvements; increased bus speed and reliability; transition of municipal vehicles into more sustainable alternatives; accessibility improvements; improvements to school transportation options

2. *What could be improved / changed?*

- Provide a definition of what “sustainable” means. Motorized buses don't seem sustainable
- Lack of bus shelters in lower 12th St. Why based on private sector business?
- Better safety for walkers (from cars). It shouldn't be dangerous to talk to the store.
- Enhancements to facilitate community shuttle in Queensb to Q2Q (bridging Port Royal to Thomp Landing)
- An active transportation bridge from the Quay to Queensborough
- Calming plans to avoid or minimize extra distances traveled to get between A&B
- Green alternatives to snow-clearing equipment and vehicles: electric, hybrid – especially around schools. Increased transit from Queensborough to NWSS for students in the morning
- Car-free hours in school areas
- Use C click Fix for suggestions for pedestrian crossing improvements?
- Both school zones, uptown (6th & 6th) and Columbia St (as well as all great streets) should be reallocated to be car-free for safety, pollution and to reduce emissions
- I would like to see more of a focus on reallocation of street space to the public realm within the sustainable transportation budgeting

- School area improvements: many cities globally are beginning to make school zones car-free and the city should be focusing on car-free areas to help improve safety
- Increased funding for more bus shelters
- Look at sidewalk infrastructure holistically to include: drainage from alleys (when water freezes), snow removal, lighting, hand rails on steep sections
- Divert some cycling \$ infrastructure to secure locking facilities for bikes. Currently bike security is a barrier to bike transportation

3. *What do you see as the top priorities?*

- Any and all bottleneck areas needing improvement for cycling and pedestrians e.g. Brunette overpass approach Pattullo bridgehead
- Bus priority measures to improve speed and reliability e.g. WB on 6th Ave approaching 22nd St Station – long bus delays common as road is only 1 lane
- A larger, safer pedestrian and walking network
- Pedestrian paths and crossings and signals that prioritize pedestrians