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**BICYCLE NETWORK SUBCOMMITTEE**

**June 8, 2010**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Gertjan Hofman, Chair  
Colin Brander  
Richard Campbell  
Rhiannon Chernencoff  
Rob Wynen  
Marcek Kon  
David Lewis (Engineering)  
Dave Kim (Engineering)  
Lisa Leblanc (Engineering)

**1. Children cycling on sidewalks**

Maciek Kon

Mr Maciek Kon has done some research on the topic of allowing children to ride their bicycles on sidewalks. He has already done a presentation to the VSB Bicycle Advisory Committee and has incorporated their feedback into this presentation.

As a way to encourage cycling to school Mr. Kon is proposing that the City look into by-law changes that would allow children to ride on the sidewalk. While Mr. Kon acknowledges enforcement challenges with any proposal, he cites studies in Australia that show a decrease in accidents (research circulated via listserv). He also mentions other municipalities that have similar by-laws in place (see Edmonton, Toronto etc.).

The discussion focused on age of a child (e.g. 12 or under), should the supervising adult be allowed on the sidewalk, speed (e.g., 5km/h, 10km/h, 15 km/h) and if there are certain sidewalks that should prohibit cycling on sidewalks (e.g, commercial sidewalks).

There was no clear consensus on how the by-law should be worded but a consensus that the by-law should not worsen the current conditions worse. This item was deferred to BAC by-law sub-group.

## 2. 1777 W. 7<sup>th</sup> DE413828

6:15-6:30

Dave Kim (Engineering Services)

To develop this site with a 10 storey mixed use building (commercial uses and a total of 267 dwelling units) over 3 levels of underground parking having vehicular access from West 6th Avenue

For more details see:

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/developmentsservices/devapps/1777w7th/index.htm>

Comments from the BNSC

No major concerns around the project but noted that staff should look at additional traffic calming measures to reduce vehicle traffic on the bikeway. These measures could include:

- Right-in/right-out diverter at Burrard and 7<sup>th</sup> avenue
- Installing bulges
- Curb cut at 7<sup>th</sup> and look at raised crosswalk mid-block

## 3. North Arm Trail (Lisa Leblanc)

North Arm Trail will link pedestrians and cyclists with parks, schools and local shopping areas and provides efficient bike travel to regional destinations in Vancouver and Burnaby. This 11 kilometre Greenway/Bikeway will also connects major bus routes, 5 bike routes, and 4 greenways.

The North Arm Trail is an east-west route from the park system of the Champlain Heights along the crest of the steep slope above the Fraser River to Southlands. The Greenway/Bikeway will be located along or near 59th Avenue connecting the southern neighbourhoods with each other.

The North Arm Trail features views of the larger landscape and the major geological features that shape the region, including distant views of Mount Baker and closer views of the river and delta. The natural features of the North Arm Trail are related to the ecology of the river. The pioneer forests of Everett Crowley Park, the Fraserview ravine, and the moderate ascents and descents as the trail traverses the ravines of now built-over streams are all essential parts of the natural history of Vancouver.

Construction of the traffic calming and bikeway will begin in Fall 2010.

Comments from the BNSC

- Improve wayfinding on Greenways (e.g. increase font size)
- Install bike crossing (elephant's feet) at 59th and Argyle
- No right on red at Argyle/59th
- To extend separation at Argyle and install push-buttons on median.
- Elliot/57th, separate bikes until Ashburn
- Consider closures along 59th similar to 37th

A draft motion was proposed by Richard Campbell for July BAC