

NOTICE OF MEETING  
BICYCLE NETWORK SUBCOMMITTEE

A G E N D A

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DATE: Wednesday September 1, 2010  
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Strathcona Room, Sub-Ground, City Hall

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1. Arbutus Village 5:35-5:55

Andrew Kent (Engineering Services)

The rezoning proposal calls for an extension of Yew Street which will create a new T-intersection with Nanton Street (a bike route). Item put forward for feedback.

**Minutes:**

Arbutus Village Shopping Centre was presented to the BAC, May 21 2008 and in March 2005 regarding signal at Nanton and Arbutus.

The subcommittee noted a desire for traffic calming that would result in a decrease or no increase in motor vehicles on bike routes. Request that Staff present their recommendations for traffic calming to the subcommittee that consider the following:

- Members supported one-way option on Yew Street
- vehicle volumes on surrounding streets, particularly Yew & Nanton
- improve bike route signage
- look at potential locations for separated bike paths as connections to the site
- look at other cycling features such as wayfinding maps, water fountains, pump stations, etc.

Staff noted that this neighbourhood is challenging to traffic calm because of the street network in the area.

Project is due to go to council at the end of the year, Staff to come back with options for the subcommittee to review/comment.

2. 8495 Granville Street (Marpole Safeway)

5:55-6:15

Rob Waite (Engineering Services)

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/rezoning/applications/8495granville/index.htm>

Henriquez Partners Architects has applied, on the behalf of Westbank Projects, to rezone the site from C-2 (Commercial) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. The purpose of the rezoning is to redevelop the site with four major building elements which includes replacement of the Safeway grocery store on Granville Street, a 24-storey rental tower, a 14 storey market condominium tower, and a 9-storey slab building consisting of townhouses at street level and condominium units above. The proposed maximum height would be 72 m (236 ft.). The total floor area proposed would be 37,647.8 square metres (405,250 sq. ft.) with a maximum density increased from 2.5 FSR (floor space ratio) to 3.14 FSR.

The proposed increase in density is to secure the provision of the rental housing. The rezoning application is being considered under the Short Term Incentives for Rental (STIR) Program approved by City Council on June 18, 2009. This program responds to low vacancy rates and the lack of new purpose-built rental housing by providing a strategic set of City incentives to encourage and facilitate the development of new market rental housing.

**Minutes:**

Neighbourhood west of this project is going through traffic calming. Subcommittee would like to limit or decrease motor vehicle on nearby bike routes (Cornish St and 68<sup>th</sup> Av).

**Motion:** Support the development in principle. Recommends that the laneway south of 68<sup>th</sup> on Cornish Street be closed to motor vehicles, but allow pedestrian and bike access. That limits or decreases motor vehicles on the bike routes.

3. Rezoning Application - 777 Pacific Boulevard (BC Place) 6:15-6:45

Rob Waite (Engineering Services)

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/rezoning/applications/777pacificblvd/>

PAVCO has applied to the City of Vancouver to rezone this site from BCPED (BC Place/Expo District) to a CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. The

purpose of the rezoning is to allow a mixed-use entertainment complex including two hotels, a casino, restaurants, theatre, and a cabaret. The project design features two hotel towers above a 4 storey podium that includes the casino and other commercial uses. The north tower (adjacent to Expo Boulevard) is approximately 67 m in height and the south tower (adjacent to Pacific Boulevard) is approximately 92 m (south) in height. Both towers respect the view corridor height limits.

Staff will present preliminary plans for the new Smithe Street extension. Staff seeking comments and feedback on the facility and connections to proposed bike facility.

**Minutes:**

Staff have provided feedback on this project seeking BAC comments.

Subcommittee noted desire to continue, at appropriate width, separated bike facility through the site and to connect onto Cambie Bridge. Members were concerned where pedestrians and cyclists have to share pathway along Smithe Street extension given the pitch point just east of Expo Blvd. Members would like to see grade separation for pedestrians and cyclists through the site.

BNSC would also like staff to explore signage and surface treatment options to minimize pedestrian and cyclist conflicts. Other comments included to explore reversing stairs and ramp at the north-east end of Smithe Street extension, and for the site to provide bike valet.

**Motion:** That a separated bike facility be continued through the site with access to the Cambie bridge and connected with Grade A & B bike parking ; that grade separation and surface treatments should be used to minimize conflicts with pedestrian, in particular next to the traffic circle south of Expo. Furthermore, that this bike facility look at minimizing grade and slope.

**4. Hastings Park PNE Master Plan**

**6:45-7:30**

Dave Hutch (Community Services)

<http://vancouver.ca/pnepark/index.htm> <http://vancouver.ca/pnepark/masterplan.htm#phase3>

The Master Plan proposes to improve connections for pedestrians, commuter and recreational cyclists by enhancing connections to the local neighbourhood, City-wide greenways and bikeways and to the waterfront and providing new and enhanced facilities within Hastings Park.

**Minutes:**

Project in mid-consultation. Plan is to take the proposal to Council in December, could return to BAC in October as an update.

That bike parking and signage or wayfinding for bike parking needs to be improved and made more visible. The Subcommittee appreciated the bike connection through the site, but would like to see improvements to the site from Adanac bikeway.

**Motion:** Support the plan in principle. That a priority be given to the east-west connection for commuters. That staff look at increasing bike parking, and making signage and/or wayfinding more visible. Furthermore that staff look at:

- connections from Adanac to gate at Renfrew St.,
- all pathways identified on site be widened to accommodate pedestrian traffic and a separated bike path.
- Bike path along Pender St

#### 5. Hornby Separated bike lanes

7:30-8:00

Lacey Hirtle (Engineering Services)

<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/separated/index.htm>

Staff to present conceptual plans of Hornby separated bike lanes to the BNSC for comment and review.

Minutes:

Second information session planned for September 8<sup>th</sup>, and is expected to go to Council at the end of the month. Information presented to the BNSC is available online at <http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/index.htm>

BNSC comments

Seaside To Pacific

- look at having separation to seawall
- high cyclist volumes on Beach
- look at stencils/markings where bus stops are permitted
- look at moving C21 bus stop
- where parking or passenger zones are permitted have marks on bike path to indicate door zone.
- More education on both door zones and bike boxes.

Pacific Davie St

- Drake St, make sure to mark lanes where entrances are

#### Davie to Nelson St

- Surface material where sidewalk and bike path are at the same level should be distinct and different from pedestrian pathway.

#### Nelson to Robson St.

- Increase bike parking
- At Robson east of Hornby, change 'no right' to 'no right except bikes' for WB cyclists.
- High pedestrian volumes, potential for pedestrians to walk on bike path.
- Look at creating more plaza space for businesses/cafes
- Look at Smithe Street bikeway.

#### Dunsmuir To Hastings St

- At Pender street, look at installing a bike box.

#### Hastings to Canada Pl

- Look at public art bike parking
- Wayfinding at Canada Place

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Special BNSC Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

5:30-6:30pm

ENG - 507 WB 5th Floor Meeting Room A