

NOTICE OF MEETING

VANCOUVER BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Strathcona Room
Subground, City Hall

*If you are unable to attend the meeting,
please advise Nicole Ludwig at 604.871.6399 or
e-mail nicole.ludwig@vancouver.ca*

*Agendas and Minutes are available on the internet at
<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/civicagencies/bicycle/index.htm>*

Attendance

Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of the Minutes of February 20, 2008.

1. TransLink Long Term Bicycle Plan Stakeholder Workshops 5:30 - 5:45

Bonnie Fenton, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition Representative, will provide an overview of the TransLink Long Term Bicycle Plan Stakeholder Workshops, and ask for Committee input on potential individuals and groups to invite.

2. EcoDensity

a. Review of Presentation to Council on February 27, 2008 5:45 - 6:00

Richard Campbell will provide a report back on his presentation to City Council at the Special Council Meeting on EcoDensity on February 27, 2008.

b. Discussion on Integrating Cycling Issues into EcoDensity Plan 6:00 - 6:40

A request from the Director of Planning has been received to receive comments from the Committee on how to integrate cycling issues into the City's EcoDensity plan, prior to the EcoDensity team meeting with the Committee. The Chair will lead a discussion on this issue.

The attached email from Richard Campbell regarding this issue, refers.

3. Workplan and Annual Report 6:40 - 7:00

An update on the workplan and the annual report will be provided

4. **Bicycle Network Sub-Committee Report**

7:00 - 7:20

Review of meeting notes.

5. **Correspondence**

The correspondence folder will be circulated.

6. **Other Business**

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

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From: Richard Campbell [richard.austin.campbell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 10:31 PM
To: Ludwig, Nicole
Subject: [bicycle-committee] Cycling and EcoDensity

Hi Brent

Here are the notes from the presentation I made on behalf of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. We look forward to meeting with you and your staff to continue to develop these ideas and other ways to integrate cycling into EcoDensity.

Thanks

Richard

Cycling and EcoDensity

The BAC support principles and goals of EcoDensity.

Transportation, land use and development are intricately linked. As development during the last century was built around and facilitated the use of the automobile, communities built from now on must be design around and encourage the use cycling, walking and public transit.

To guide the decisions during the EcoDensity process, we encourage the City to plan for target mode share of 20% by bicycle by 2020.

Providing transportation solutions such as cycling will help address people's concerns that density will lead to more traffic and congestion and thus will help increase public support for EcoDensity.

Must ensure densification and development have positive impact on bicycle routes and facilitate more people cycling.

Traffic volumes and speed must be reduced bikeways to levels that do not discourage people from cycling. Wherever possible, bikeways should be free of motor vehicle traffic. On arterial roads where this is not possible, separated bicycle facilities should be provided.

Plan developments around cycling (Cycling Oriented Development)

- Ensure new developments don't increase motor vehicle traffic on bikeways
- No access for new developments off bikeways. If this is not possible, implement traffic calming measures so traffic levels are not increased.
- Provide bicycle connections through developments
- Use redevelopment and funds from redevelopment to improve bikeways
- Take advantage redevelopment along arterials to construct bike lanes separated from traffic

Car Free Streets for Cyclists and Pedestrians

- Reallocate road space (moving lanes and parking) for cyclists, pedestrians, greenspace
- Ensure that increased density as infill housing and secondary suites does not increase demand for on-street parking and thus make car-free streets a harder sell to residents

Car Free Neighbourhoods

- All motor vehicle parking is accessed from the edge of the neighbourhood
- This would be a great demonstration project for EcoDensity leadership on city owned land

Quote from Bonnie Fenton, Chair of the BAC

"I visited a great neighbourhood like this in Freiburg, Germany a few years ago. The main impression I was left with was one of kids playing everywhere. That should be something we also strive for."

Include the provision of excellent cycling facilities and the enhancement of adjacent bicycle routes as one of the factors considered in the Green First system, Greener Buildings, Incentives for Green Design and New Green Single Family Zones

Panel of advisors.

Include cycling representatives on the Panel of advisors.

Bicycle Parking

Plan enough secure bicycle in developments parking for a 20% cycling mode share

- Allow conversion of vehicle spaces in parking garages
- Bylaws to ensure people can bring their bicycles into their apartments and condos
- Lockers in buildings

Increasing the number of people who choose to cycle is critical to meeting the goals of EcoDensity and minimize the impact of increased density on communities. As such, the improvement of the cycling environment must be integrated with EcoDensity initiatives, policies and actions. If not, opportunities to improve cycling facilities will be lost.

The BAC looks forward to working with staff and Council to further explore these exciting possibilities to help ensure the success of EcoDensity.