

## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 18, 2008

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 5:35 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair  
Tim Blair  
Colin Brander  
Paul Dragan  
Robert Holley  
Trudy Lancelyn

ABSENT: Bonnie Fenton, Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Jack Becker (Leave of Absence)  
Richard Campbell (Leave of Absence)  
Kay Teschke (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

#### Attendance

*Note from Meeting Coordinator:* At the May 21, 2008, meeting the Committee approved a Leave of Absence for the Chair for this meeting.

The Committee approved Leaves of Absence for Jack Becker, Richard Campbell and Kay Teschke for this meeting.

#### Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 21, 2008, meeting were adopted.

#### Vary Agenda

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the Agenda in order to receive a presentation on the Waterfront Hub Project first (*see Item 6. a*). For ease of reference, the items are recorded in numerical order.

#### 1. 2008 Annual Bicycle Plan Update

Mike Anderson and Lisa Leblanc, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation Branch, presented an overview on the 2008 Annual Bicycle Plan, which included an update on recent trends in cycling, ongoing and planned development of the City's bicycle network, the bicycle monitoring program, and related programs and initiatives in which the City is engaged. The Report will be going forward to Council for information.

Staff responded to questions in relation to trends, cycling routes and facilities. It was noted staff will be reporting back on the results of the Survey, which is available for public input online during Bike Month (June), and will be seeking the Committee's suggestions on developing guidelines. The Survey is available at: [vancouver.ca/cycling](http://vancouver.ca/cycling).

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee, having received an update on the 2008 Annual Bicycle Plan for information, appreciates and supports the ongoing work of staff on the implementation of the 1999 Bicycle Plan and would encourage the City to continue with network expansion, monitoring and upgrading where necessary.

FURTHER THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends the City encourage increased use of sustainable modes of transportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Bike to Work Week Bicycle Counts**

Lisa Leblanc, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided information attained from bike counts during Bike to Work Week and responded to questions.

**3. Annual Report to Council**

The Vice-Chair, together with staff, provided a brief overview on the presentation of the 2007 Annual Report to Council.

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

The Committee reviewed the Meeting Notes from the June 4, 2008, meeting (*on file*). There was a discussion on the proposed date of July 2, 2008, for the next meeting, which immediately follows a civic holiday, and it was agreed that the Staff Liaison send an email on the listserve to determine whether there is a more suitable date.

**5. Correspondence**

The correspondence folder will be circulated.

**6. Other Business**

**a) Waterfront Hub Project**

Mark Halpin and Steve Brown, Strategic Transportation Planning, provided an overview on a conceptual development around Waterfront Station on Cordova Street, known as the Waterfront Hub Project, and sought the Committee's endorsement on the design of the bicycle routes within the road network.

Staff responded to questions regarding the proposed design, cycling and pedestrian zones, project timeline, connections to the surrounding cycling and road networks and other related issues.

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports in principle the plans for the Waterfront Hub Project as presented at its meeting on June 18, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) July Meeting**

There was a discussion on attendance at the July 16, 2008, meeting, and it was agreed the Meeting Coordinator send an email on the listserve to determine whether there will be a quorum.

**c) Burrard Bridge Update**

Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, provided a brief update on design and funding issues with regard to the Burrard Bridge Expansion project.

**d) Design of Dedicated Paths for Wheeled Users**

Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, provided a brief explanation on specific surfaces for various users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, and commented on sections of the seawall where there is no distinction between material types. As the Southeast False Creek portion of seawall will be revisited, he sought the Committee's feedback on the difference in surface material types for distinguishing between various users.

In discussion, the Committee expressed concern about safety of non-smooth surfaces and inconsistent treatment of shared paths. Suggestions included the need for smooth surfaces, and minimizing the length of crossing.

As this is an emerging design, staff will report back to either the Bicycle Network Subcommittee or the Bicycle Advisory Committee for further comment. In the interim, comments can be solicited through the listserve.

**e) 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Route**

Robert Holley provided a brief update on cycling issues in relation to traffic diversions due to Canada Line road closures.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2008  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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