

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:32 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Jack Becker
Tim Blair
Colin Brander
Richard Campbell
Paul Dragan
Kari Hewett
Trudy Lancelyn
Kay Teschke*

ABSENT: Gertjan Hofman (VACC Representative) (Leave of Absence)
Robert Holley (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vancouver City Council
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board
Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

Leaves of absence were approved for Gertjan Hofman and Robert Holley for this meeting.

Election of Chair

Following due process, Kari Hewett was elected interim Chair and Richard Campbell was elected Vice-Chair.

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of November 19, 2008, were adopted

1. Host City Olympic Transportation Plan

Dale Bracewell, Director of Olympic Transportation, provided an overview of the temporary changes to the bike network as part of the Host City Olympic Transportation plan, and an update on potential for bike parking at Olympic venues.

Mr. Bracewell, along with Scott Edwards, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions and comments. Mr. Bracewell noted he would be in attendance at the Committee's September 2009 meeting in order to provide an update.

2. Granville Loops Policy Plan

Thor Kuhlmann, Planning, and Lacey Hirtle, Engineering, responded to the Bicycle Advisory Committee's September 17, 2008, recommendations for improved bicycle facilities in the

Granville Loops area, and requested the Committee's guidance on this issue, in accordance with Council's direction of January 20, 2009.

Mr. Kuhlmann and Ms. Hirtle, along with Lon LaClaire, Strategic Transportation Planning, responded to questions and comments

The Committee agreed to table this item to the April 15, 2009, meeting. Paul Dragan agreed to draft wording for a motion.

3. Central Waterfront Hub

Steve Brown, Engineering, presented an update on the Central Waterfront Hub, outlining guidelines and directions for the area north of Cordova Street and east of Howe Street, and along with Scott Edwards, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, and Lon LaClaire, Strategic Transportation Planning, responded to questions and comments, noting this presentation is to clarify items from the plan originally presented to the Committee on June 18, 2008.

4. Burrard Bridge

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an update on the Burrard Bridge, and along with Scott Edwards, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions and comments.

RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the two-lane re-allocation trial for the Burrard Bridge.
- B. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council that staff prepare additional enhancements for approach routes that would increase cyclist safety and comfort.

FURTHER THAT through monitoring, where necessary, staff move to protect existing bikeways from the negative effects of motor vehicles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Support for City of Kelowna: Joint Use Agreements for Railway Corridors Multi-use Pathways for Green Transportation

Jack Becker presented a motion in support of the City of Kelowna resolution regarding Joint Use Agreements for Railway Corridors Multi-use Pathways for Green Transportation.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council support the City of Kelowna resolution *Joint Use Agreements for Railway Corridors Multi-use Pathways for Green Transportation*, approved by Kelowna City Council on February 23, 2009, which will be presented to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for support, and then to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its next meeting in June 2009 at Whistler.
- B. THAT Council advise local members of the provincial and federal legislatures of its position along with Ministers who have responsibility over railways.
- C. THAT Council support amending the motion to include abandoned rail trails.
- D. That Council supports removal of rail trails from the BC Recreational Trails Strategy and supports development of a provincial strategy for rail-trails both on active and abandoned lines as part of a provincial-wide cycling touring network
- E. THAT Council instructs staff to advise the Prime Minister, Premier, and the Ministries of Tourism and of Transportation of the City of Vancouver position on these motions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kay Teschke absent for the vote)

6. Re-establishment of Sub-committees

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Network Sub-committee be re-established, and

FURTHER THAT the following members be appointed to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee: Jack Becker, Colin Brander, Richard Campbell, Paul Dragan, Tim Blair and Gertjan Hofman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kay Teschke absent for the vote)

7. Correspondence

No correspondence.

8. Other Business

a. Intersection at 5th Avenue and Cambie Street

Colin Brander noted that the temporary barriers at 5th Avenue and Cambie Street make it difficult for bicycles to get through and requested staff look at the placement of the barriers; staff so agreed.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

* * * * *