

## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 15, 2009

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Kari Hewett, Chair  
Jack Becker  
Tim Blair  
Colin Brander\*  
Richard Campbell, Vice-Chair  
Paul Dragan  
Gertjan Hofman (VACC Representative)  
Robert Holley  
Kay Teschke

ABSENT: Trudy Lancelyn (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vancouver City Council  
Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Attendance

There were no objections to granting Trudy Lancelyn a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

#### Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of March 18, 2009, were adopted.

#### VARY THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 4 prior to Item 1.

*Note from Clerk: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded numerically.*

#### Correspondence

The Chair circulated sample cycling brochures from Paris, Brussels and Montreal.

#### 1. Expansion of St. John School

Peter Joyce, Applicant, Laurie Schmidt, Brook and Associates Inc., Brian Callahan and James Cloverdale, representing St. John School, along with Wali Memon, Engineering, and David Autiero, Development Services, presented and responded to questions regarding the proposed expansion of St. John School located at 2215 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the Traffic Management Plan for 2008/2009 related to the expansion project.

MOVED BY Gertjan Hofman  
SECONDED by Jack Becker

THAT given the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) cannot support the proposal of the St. John's School Traffic Management Plan as presented to the BAC on April 15, 2009, the BAC requests the proponents reconsider their design alternatives for reducing motor vehicle traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and further address points raised by the BAC during discussion on April 15, 2009; and

FURTHER THAT the designs be brought back to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair requested copies of the re-design (report) going to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee for review.

## 2. Vancouver Police Department - Bike Liaison and Traffic Violations Line

Brian Green, Vancouver Police Department, provided an update on the Department's Bike Squad, his role as Bike Coordinator, and Olympic preparation with respect to anticipated bike traffic.

VPD and Engineering Department contact numbers for traffic concerns, follow up and enforcement were also discussed. BAC members were invited to submit suggestions to the VPD Committee (c/o Sergeant Green via email) regarding bicycle priorities for consideration. In addition, the Engineering Department will be forwarding a list to VPD, of the top bikeway complaints received.

## 3. Granville Loops Policy Plan

This item was referred to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee for the development a motion to be brought forward at a future BAC meeting.

## 4. Burrard Bridge

Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, provided an update on the Burrard Bridge bicycle lanes and noted the BAC will be notified when the report *Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial* is scheduled to go to Council. Staff responded to questions regarding timelines, lane access, and communications plan.

## 5. Bike Month

Scott Edwards reported on activities for *Bike Month* in June, the Heather Bikeway Extension opening, *Safety Fair* at Oakridge, *Bike Safety Week* in May, *Bike to Work Week*, communications plan and Bicycle Route map production.

**6. Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition and Bicycle Education in Schools**

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

**7. Review of VACC Recommendations for Improvements to Cycling Infrastructure**

This item was postponed to the May 20, 2009, BAC meeting.

**8. Cycling Task Force**

Jack Becker reviewed the proposal for a Cycling Task Force (*distributed - on file*) to attain cycling mode shares similar to successful cycling-active cities in the long term, and a 10% mode share by 2010 in the short term. The Task Force's role in addressing infrastructure, networks, and social marketing programs, as well as BAC's role and sub-committees were discussed.

The Chair will contact the Greenest City Action Team (G-CAT) chair to invite G-CAT representatives to the next Bicycle Network Sub-committee meeting.

MOVED BY Jack Becker

SECONDED by Gertjan Hofman

THAT Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly recommends to Council that Council should:

- A. Create a time-limited Cycling Task Force for setting out what the City of Vancouver would look like when a 20% cycling mode share for transportation is an everyday reality.
- B. Instruct the Task Force to identify at a macro level network projects, infrastructure designs, urban planning directions, associated strategic directions, design strategic directions, and social marketing programs which would facilitate achieving the target cycling mode share.
- C. Instruct the Task Force to identify deliverables which could be implemented by 2011 and 2014.
- D. Select visionary cyclists who can deliver the charge and support the Task Force with staff.
- E. Assign a Council link for the Task Force.

CARRIED

(Tim Blair opposed)

(Colin Brander absent for the vote)

9. Other Business

a. *Additional Traffic Calming for Existing Bikeways*

Mike Anderson, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, introduced and sought Committee support for a staff report to Council recommending implementation of additional diversionary and non-diversionary traffic calming measures for several existing bikeways and 30-km/h speed limits on local street bikeways.

MOVED by Richard Campbell  
SECONDED by Kari Hewett

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports:

- additional traffic calming for existing local street bikeways,
- 30-km/h speed limit on bike routes,
- increased signage and lighting, and
- where alternatives exist, new development will not provide access from bike routes,

as well as other measures to mitigate the impacts of motor vehicle traffic on existing and planned bikeways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Colin Brander absent for the vote)

Members were asked to submit any further ideas about traffic calming via listserv.

b. *Public Bike Share*

Scott Edwards advised of Council's March 24, 2009 motion regarding having a large scale Public Bike Share system in place prior to the Olympics and a small scale demonstration this summer.

c. *Bicycle Network Sub-committee (BNS)*

Peter Stary advised that staff would be reporting on the 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway/North Arm at the BNS meeting in May and requested input from the BAC.

d. *Georgia Pedestrian/ Bicycle Lane*

Peter Stary advised the retention of a consultant had an been approved to explore options and costs, including a potential bicycle link of the Georgia Viaduct with Pacific Boulevard and upper level of the Plaza of Nations and BC Place. Draft options developed by the consultant will be brought to the BAC.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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