

## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 16, 2009

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 5:50 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Kari Hewett, Interim Chair  
Richard Campbell, Interim Vice-Chair  
Rhiannon Chernecoff  
Gertjan Hofman (VACC Representative)  
Meghan Winters  
Rob Wynen

**ABSENT:** Bill Bargeman (Leave of Absence)  
Jack Becker (Leave of Absence)  
Colin Brander (Leave of Absence)  
Keltie Craig  
Richard Migicovsky

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Geoff Meggs, Vancouver City Council  
Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood  
Transportation (Staff Liaison)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

#### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2009 term was postponed to the next meeting.

#### **Attendance**

Leaves of absence were granted to Bill Bargeman, Jack Becker and Colin Brander.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of May 20 and July 15, 2009 were approved.

#### **Correspondence**

The correspondence folder was circulated.

#### **Vary Order of Agenda**

It was agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to accommodate presenters. The minutes are recorded in chronological order for ease of reference.

### **1. VPD Bike Squad**

Sergeant Brian Green, Bicycle Coordinator, VPD, provided an update on the responsibilities of the VPD Bike Squad and advised he will be attending BAC meetings and dealing with bicycle-related issues arising from VANOC and the Olympics until after the conclusion of the Games.

### **2. Burrard Bridge Update**

Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation staff provided an update on the implementation of the Burrard Bridge Lane Re-allocation Trial, and supplied statistics regarding pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle volumes at various times of the day. It was noted an update will be submitted to Council in October or November. Any questions or feedback about the trial should be submitted to David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation.

### **3. Host City Olympic Transportation Plan**

City and VANOC Olympic Transportation staff provided an update on how existing bicycle routes will be temporarily altered during the 2010 Winter Games to accommodate operational and security needs at Olympic venues. Public releases of additional information will be provided in advance of the Olympic and Paralympic Transportation Team (OPTT) releasing the 2nd integrated transportation plan at the end of September. It was noted bike maps showing closures are available online.

### **4. East Fraserlands Cycling Strategy and Network (Phase 2 Rezoning)**

Engineering Projects staff provided a presentation and update regarding a rezoning application at this site which is tentatively slated for the Public Hearing on January 19, 2010.

### **5. Georgia Pedestrian Link Project**

Planning staff provided an up an update on the status of the Georgia Pedestrian Link Project. The Committee was advised next steps include short listing of design concepts for this proposed connection between Georgia Viaduct and Pacific Blvd., that there will be an opportunity to present the short listed concepts to the BNSC as this moves forward, and that land owners participating in the Northeast False Creek High Level Review are also eager to see the completion of this work.

### **6. St. John's School Expansion**

Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation and Planning staff reviewed a revised traffic plan to mitigate traffic impacts on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue resulting from the proposed expansion of the school between Yew and Vine Streets, and which was previously before the Committee in April. Mitigation measures include shifting parking access off of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, staggered start and finish times, traffic attendant during drop-off and pick-up times, subsidized transit passes, carpool plan, spreading drop-off and pick-up sites around the facility, increasing school buses, and adding more bike parking. The school has also agreed that if these measures do not adequately address concerns, some of the underground parking would have to be converted to a five minute drop-off and pick-up zone.

MOVED BY Richard Campbell

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the revised proposal regarding St. John's School expansion, subject to staff's recommended conditions of approval, the explicit evaluation of cyclists along the bike route as part of the quarterly monitoring, and overall improvement of cyclist safety and comfort.

CARRIED  
(Rob Wynen opposed)

**7. 2665 Renfrew Street, Rona, Grandview Highway Rezoning**

Planning and Transportation staff reviewed a rezoning application at this site and the Committee provided comments regarding construction of an office building bounded by 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Renfrew Street and Kaslo Street and measures to mitigate traffic generated by the site on Central Valley Greenway so there is less conflict with bikes and pedestrians going to the SkyTrain station.

**8. English Bay Bistro (1790 Beach Avenue)**

Transportation and Park Board staff reviewed loading options at a proposed restaurant to replace the existing concession stand at English Bay.

The Committee provided comments and concerns regarding details of options one and two, including configuration of the bike path and frequency and impacts of trucks vs. handcarts crossing the path.

MOVED BY Rob Wynen

THAT the City of Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee approves option 1 as put forward by staff regarding the loading access for the proposed English Bay Bistro at 1790 Beach Avenue.

CARRIED  
(Richard Campbell and Rhiannon Chernecoff opposed)

**9. Vandusen Gardens (5251 Oak Street)**

Planning and Transportation staff reviewed a proposal for expansion of Celebration Hall and current and additional traffic impacts and potential mitigation measures on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Greenway.

Some of the comments and concerns expressed by the Committee included:

- provide adequate bike parking;
- the Vandusen site blocks Hudson Street which has been identified as a bike route;
- provide a bike path around the Vandusen site;
- mitigate impacts of the increased parking so that it does not affect the neighbouring streets or traffic on Oak Street; and
- provide diversionary measures on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## 10. Granville Loops Project

It was agreed that the Meeting Coordinator will submit the Committee's comments regarding the Granville Loops project to Thor Kuhlman, Central Area Planning, for inclusion in an upcoming report to Council.

## 11. Workplan - Bicycle Task Force

At the July meeting it was agreed to develop a workplan for coordination of information for the proposed Bicycle Task Force. Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to submit ideas offline and then discuss the matter at the next meeting.

## 12. Other Business

### *i. Vanier Park BMX/Mountain Bike Skills Area*

Rob Wynan reviewed a Park Board Report regarding a proposed BMX/Mountain Bike skills area in Vanier Park.

MOVED BY Rob Wynen

THAT the City of Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee encourages the Vancouver Park Board to not include car parking next to the BMX/Mountain Bike Skills Area in Vanier Park, thereby encouraging users to commute to this new facility in an environmentally sustainable manner, and to ensure a safe cycling environment for users, especially younger and less experienced cyclists.

THAT the Vancouver Park Board consult with the Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee on the final design of the BMX/Mountain Bike Skills Area in Vanier Park and connecting bicycle facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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