



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm, in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Kari Hewett, Chair
Bill Bargeman
Jack Becker
Colin Brander
Richard Campbell
Rhiannon Chernencoff
Keltie Craig
Gertjan Hofman
Meghan Winters
Rob Wynen*, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: John Whistler (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Constable Pat Allen, Vancouver Police Department
Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood
Transportation
David Lewis, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2010, were approved.

Attendance

There were no objections to granting a leave of absence to John Whistler for this meeting.

1. Schedule of 2011 Meetings

The Chair reviewed the meeting schedule for 2011.

2. Transportation Division Reorganization

Scott Edwards, Manager, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an update on departmental reorganization and responded to questions.

The Chair, on behalf of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, expressed appreciation and thanks to Mr. Edwards for all of his work and involvement with the Bicycle Advisory Committee over the last few years.

3. Use of Bike Lanes

Staff provided an update on regulations regarding the use of bike lanes and responded to questions.

4. Annual Report

The Chair provided an update on the annual report, noting changes had been suggested by staff and that it would be submitted as a memo, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Colin Brander
SECONDED by Rhiannon Chernencoff

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee adopt the annual report dated September 14, 2010 with the staff-recommended changes as circulated at the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on November 17, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair, Vice-Chair, and several members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee agreed to meet with the Council Liaison to BAC and discuss the annual report dated September 14, 2010.

5. Terms of Reference for the Bicycle Network Subcommittee

The Chair and Gertjan Hofman, provided information about drafting terms of reference for the Bicycle Network Subcommittee and asked members to provide input on drafting these terms of reference, to be prepared for the Bicycle Network Subcommittee for the first meeting in 2011, Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Bicycle Network Subcommittee

Gertjan Hofman reviewed the meeting notes of the November 9, 2010, Bicycle Network Subcommittee meeting.

Note from Meeting Coordinator: the meeting notes are available online at <http://vancouver.ca/CTYCLERK/civicagencies/bicycle/bnsc/bnsc2010schedule.htm>

a. Concord Pacific 5B East

MOVED by Gertjan Hofman
SECONDED by Colin Brander

WHEREAS:

The connection between the Sea Wall and Smithe Street is an important element of the downtown cycling network, that the new developments along the extension of Smithe Street are themselves destinations and that the alternative routing suggested is inadequate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

- A. THAT the Smithe Street two-way separated bike lane be included in the design and that the allocated width for this lane is not to come at the expense of pedestrian space.
- B. THAT opportunities to widen the Cambie Bridge off-ramp for pedestrians and cyclists be considered.
- C. THAT treatment of any alternative cycling facilities under the Cambie Bridge access ramps are separated or well defined through surface treatment; that they provide safe pedestrian and cyclists crossings; that they provide a good connection to the seawall.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Jack Becker

THAT the following be added to the motion as "A":

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the cycling infrastructure for the development site at Concord Pacific 5B East be an integral part of the cycling infrastructure solution for the undeveloped lands bordered by Pacific Blvd, Expo Blvd, Nelson St parallel to the Cambie Bridge access ramp, Beatty St and the Stadium and for the road network and the bridge leading into this area, including Cambie St, Smithe St, Nelson St, Marinaside Cr / Cooperage Way, and Robson St, as well as, the connections to the Seaside Path.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Richard Campbell

THAT the following be added as D to the original motion:

- D. THAT recommendations A and B be prioritized over recommendation C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Rob Wynen absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

The connection between the Sea Wall and Smithe Street is an important element of the downtown cycling network, that the new developments along the extension of Smithe Street are themselves destinations and that the alternative routing suggested is inadequate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

- A. THAT the cycling infrastructure for the development site at Concord Pacific 5B East be an integral part of the cycling infrastructure solution for the undeveloped lands bordered by Pacific Boulevard, Expo Boulevard, Nelson Street parallel to the Cambie Bridge access ramp, Beatty Street and the Stadium and for the road network and the bridge leading into this area, including Cambie Street, Smithe Street, Nelson Street, Marinaside Crescent / Cooperage Way, and Robson Street, as well as, the connections to the Seaside Path.
- B. THAT the Smithe Street two-way separated bike lane be included in the design and that the allocated width for this lane is not to come at the expense of pedestrian space.
- C. THAT opportunities to widen the Cambie Street Bridge off-ramp for pedestrians and cyclists be considered.
- D. THAT treatment of any alternative cycling facilities under the Cambie Street Bridge access ramps are separated or well defined through surface treatment; that they provide safe pedestrian and cyclists crossings; that they provide a good connection to the seawall.
- E. THAT recommendations B and C be prioritized over recommendation D.

b. Arbutus Village

MOVED by Gertjan Hofman
SECONDED by Colin Brander

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee believes that new development for Arbutus Village should improve rather than degrade existing cycling facilities and that no compelling arguments were presented which justify a second entrance through a residential area in the Arbutus Village development, and therefore recommends to Council:

THAT no new vehicular access on Yew Street (bikeway) be granted.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Richard Campbell

THAT the words "vehicular access on Yew Street (bikeway)" be struck and replaced with "motor vehicle access on the 29th Avenue bikeway".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee believes that new development for Arbutus Village should improve rather than degrade existing cycling facilities and that no compelling arguments were presented which justify a second entrance through a residential area in the Arbutus Village development, and therefore recommends to Council:

THAT no new motor vehicle access on the 29th Avenue bikeway be granted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. 2010 Workplan Updates and Timing for 2011 Workplan

Committee members provided updates on the workplan for the remainder of 2010 and 2011.

8. Budget 101

Members provided an update on the Budget 101 process and the related work with the Food Policy Council and encouraged members to provide feedback on the budget if they have not done so already.

9. New Business

(a) Second Narrows Bridge Bike Lane

Rob Wynen provided a brief update on the improvements to the Second Narrows Bridge bike lane.

(b) 10th Avenue Stop Signs

Colin Brander provided a brief update on the removal of stop signs and improvements to paving along the 10th Avenue bikeway. It was noted safety concerns are still present at the intersection of West 10th Avenue at Manitoba Street.

(c) Construction at English Bay

Richard Campbell enquired about the possibility of having the bike pathway near the construction site at the Boathouse at English Bay re-routed as the bike path has been taken over by construction. Transportation staff agreed follow up with the Parks Board.

(d) Bike plan update

Scott Edwards, Manager, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an update and responded to questions.

(e) Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Application Funding

Staff noted the City has applied for Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program with TransLink. Staff noted funding requests exceeded the funds available and will report back to the Committee if any are successful. The requests for funding include: Comox Greenway (Stanley Park to Burrard Street), Union Separated Bike Lanes (Main Street to Gore Street), South Cambie Separated Bike Lanes (SW Marine to Kent Street); Dumfries Bikeway (Dumfries Street and East 37th Avenue to Inverness and 45th/47th Avenues, Yukon Bikeway (29th Avenue to 10th Avenue), and Prince Edward Bikeway (Hillcrest to Kent Avenue).

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, January 19, 2011
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Room
Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm

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CHAIR