



Bicycle Advisory Committee

MINUTES

November 9, 2011

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on November 9, 2011, at 5:35 pm in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Bill Bargeman (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Alexander, VACC Alternate
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator
Marnie McGregor, Stakeholder & Community Relations Lead,
Active Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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VARY THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to have Park Board staff present first and postponed discussion on viaducts and re:CONNECT ideas competition. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 7, 2011, meeting were approved with the following amendments:

- add *Constable Pat Allen, Traffic Services, VPD* as "Also Present".
- strike and replace *Dale Bracewell* on page 4, section 4(d), with *David Lewis* with regard to the Canadian Urban Transit Association BC workshop report.

Leave of Absence Requests

A Leave of absence was approved for Bill Bargeman for this meeting.

1. Stanley Park Cycling Plan

Ben Mulhall, Project Manager, Planning and Operations, Parks Board, provided an update on the Stanley Park Cycling Plan, regarding goals, public consultation and top issues identified, priorities for stakeholders, and preparations for further feedback and implementation.

Committee discussion included aspects of:

- event and night bicycle parking
- safe access/egress at night and personal security
- path surface, markings, weather affects, and connection with park
- speed differences between cyclists, type of bikes, pedestrians and mobility devices
- timeline for consultation with user groups and advisory committee.

Committee members requested a draft of the Plan once ready, and thanked Rhiannon Chernencoff and Park Board for their work on the proposal.

MOVED by Rhiannon Chernencoff
SECONDED by Colin Brander

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) recommends to the Park Board that the Stanley Park Cycling Plan should include and satisfy the following:

- A. Park cycling and active paths are appropriate for all ages and abilities.
- B. Consistent treatment of Park cycling/active facilities with City of Vancouver standards.
- C. Implement recommendations for Stanley Park Seaside Path upgrades included in the BAC seaside path Parks Capital Plan 2012-2014 submission.
- D. Include a strategy and goal for reduction in motor vehicle traffic through and to the park and a strategy for increasing active transportation trips to the park consistent with Greenest City Action Plan strategies and goals so that cycling and walking become the preferred modes to access and enjoy the park.
- E. Any new paving needed for active transportation/recreation infrastructure could take space from roadway or underused surfaces (eg. parking lots) to comply with the Park Board's regulation of no new surfaces.
- F. Improve bike and pedestrian connections from all park land to City land, considering the following:
 1. Comox/Helmecken Greenway
 2. Lion's Gate Bridge
 3. Beach Avenue

4. Pendrell Street
 5. Nelson Street
 6. Barclay Street
 7. Haro Street
 8. Robson Street
 9. Alberni Street
 10. Chilco Street Bikeway
 11. Devonian Harbour Park
- G. A comfortable bypass for all users on the internal road network. Seaside Path should ensure appropriate width and design to accommodate cyclists of different abilities, speeds and volumes.
- H. Developing Stanley Park Drive as a faster by-pass than the Seaside Path that is comfortable for most cyclists (may include bike lanes).
- I. Consider adding bicycle rental opportunities and bike sharing stations at key locations in the park.
- J. Provide safe and convenient egress to and from popular park destinations to avoid having to go all the way around the Seaside Path (Seawall).
- K. Directionally support two-way traffic around the Seaside Path (Seawall) and to popular destinations.
- L. Provide sufficient secure bike parking at all destinations and for special events to meet present and future demand.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kari Hewett abstained for the vote)

Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".

2. Viaducts

Discussion postponed.

3. ACT Canada Bike Tour

The Vice-Chair and Bicycle Program Coordinator participated in the 20 km "Cycling in the City" tour on October 30, 2011, organized by the Association for Commuter Transportation of Canada.

4. Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program 2012 Applications

The Bicycle Program Coordinator outlined greenway applications being put forward for cost-sharing through the BICCS program and status of the Dumfries Street/45th Avenue bikeway. He will provide another update in March 2012.

5. Bicycle Network Subcommittee (BNSC) Report

Gertjan Hofman introduced a draft motion from the BNSC with respect to the Mountain Equipment Co-op Office development on Great Northern Way.

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At this point, Kari Hewett declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to the motion, as she is employed by Mountain Equipment Co-op. Ms. Hewett left the room at 6:50 pm and did not return until 6:52 pm, after the discussion and vote on the matter.

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MOVED by Gertjan Hofman
SECONDED by Richard Campbell

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

- A. THAT development fund upgrades to Central Valley Greenway (CVG), in particular:
 - create a stretch of separated cycling and pedestrian facilities, and
 - add a bike box on Glen at the intersection, and
 - add a cross-bike on the eastern side of Glen and Great Northern Way.
- B. THAT development supply and maintain a bicycle maintenance station on the Central Valley Greenway.
- C. THAT development fund or provide improved lighting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kari Hewett absent for the vote)

6. Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Dale Bracewell and Marnie McGregor, Engineering Services, provided an update on the development of a new Active Transportation Advisory Committee, and invited additional feedback. During roundtable discussion, BAC comments included the:

- mandate of the new committee
- ways to give feedback on projects and to Council
- outcome of previous motions/recommendations of BAC
- subcommittee role, structure, membership and staff support.

Mr. Bracewell also gave an update on the *Transportation Plan 2040* workshops and provided a draft of the Cycling, Walking and Public Spaces sections of the Plan.

Note: Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on December 13, 2011, approved Terms of Reference and establishment of an Active Transportation Advisory Committee. The online application form will be open January 3 to 22, 2012 at: <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/civicagencies/apply.htm>

7. 2010 - 2011 Report of Activities: Memorandum to Council

Kari Hewett presented the draft *Bicycle Advisory Committee 2010 - 2011 Report of Activities* for review and requested members let her know of any additional comments.

During discussion, the following changes were recommended to the report:

- add the Bicycle Network Sub-Committee's *Terms of Reference* as an appendix;
- minor editing to sections 2(a) *Significant Activities*, and 3(b) *Future Activities*;
- additional names for the memorandum; and
- add a paragraph on the estimated amount of committee and subcommittee time, based on the information provided by members (*circulated at meeting*).

The Committee thanked Kari Hewett and Rhiannon Chernencoff for their work on the document.

MOVED by Kari Hewett

SECONDED by John Whistler

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) approve the report to Council entitled "Bicycle Advisory Committee - Report of Activities for the Period June 2010 to October 2011", as amended at its meeting on November 9, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. New Business

(a) Committee Term

The Chair noted that with the November municipal election, the Committee's term ends December 4, 2011, as per the *Vancouver Charter* Section 160:

All committees of Council shall stand discharged immediately before the first Monday after December 1 in the year of a general local election.

(b) BAC - 26 Years

The Vice-Chair noted the wrap party and celebration of the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 26-year era to follow the November 9, 2011, meeting.

(c) CoV Website Survey

The Vice-Chair participated in the City's website redevelopment survey to provide feedback on ease of use.

(d) Detours

Richard Campbell led discussion on how to resolve issues around detours. Examples raised were:

- English Bay cyclists' walk zone
- Granville Island
- Downtown separated bike lanes with movie cables and crane crews
- Hastings and Burrard Street south bound
- BC Hydro
- Richards Street's cycling surface and east side fence

Engineering staff noted requirements are on a case-by-case basis, buffer bike lanes, and that a cycling/pedestrian perspective is included in crew training.

Members were asked to keep the Bicycle Program Coordinator abreast of these issues.

(e) Olympic Village Bicycle Parking

Colin Brander reported that Class B bike parking is being used by tenants and bike rooms have been converted to storage in a number of buildings. Engineering staff advised that arrangements have been made for more bike racks.

(f) 2009-2011 Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Chair thanked all Committee members, liaisons and staff for their assistance with the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 pm

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