



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 22, 2015

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** John Calimente, Acting Chair
Joan Andersen
Veronika Bylicki
Eugene Chin
Lisa Corriveau
Amelia Huang
Simon Jay
Molly Millar
Lisa Slakov
Adam Vasilevich
- ABSENT:** Dean Alexander (Leave of Absence)
Eric Brooke (Leave of Absence)
Peggy Harowitz (Sick Leave)
Adam Kebede
Tanya Paz, (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)
Commissioner John Coupar (Park Board Liaison)
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Gene Chin

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Dean Alexander, Eric Brooke and Tanya Paz, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council meeting on September 17, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee agreed to postpone election of Chair and Vice-Chair until the next Regular Meeting on June 17, 2015, and that Tanya Paz continue as Interim Chair.

It was also agreed to appoint John Calimente as Acting Chair for this meeting.

1. Council and Staff Liaison Updates

The Council and Staff Liaisons provided updates on several Council-related and active transportation matters, including:

- Increasing bike racks
- Transportation 2040 Plan
- Zero Fatalities initiative
- Improving trails in Regional Parks
- False Creek bridges - timing of repairs
- Point Grey Road
- South False Creek seawall
- CPR Railway
- "Vision Zero" signage

2. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates

The Park Board Liaison reviewed the "Park Board Liaison Report - March 2015", and responded to questions regarding Stanley Park Causeway, Mount Pleasant skateboard park, paved versus gravel trails, and bike parking at City parks.

3. Motions

(a) Defining ATPC

MOVED by Lisa Corriveau
SECONDED by Veronika Bylicki

WHEREAS the City's Active Transportation Policy Council website currently states:

"The policy council is composed of 15 voting members (8 is quorum) representing the following active transportation areas:

- Cycling
- Pedestrian
- Public Transit"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver Active Transportation Policy Council scope clarify that active transportation includes skateboarding, inline skating, and roller skating, as well as other modes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, it was requested that the website be changed to reflect the following order:

- Pedestrian
- Cycling
- Skateboarding/Inline Skating
- Transit

The Meeting Coordinator and Council Liaison advised the motion and website changes requested will be submitted for consideration to the Nomination Subcommittee and Council.

During discussion, the Staff Liaison noted a report to Council regarding skateboarding and inline skating in bike lanes, is forthcoming.

b) Meeting Dates

MOVED by Adam Vasilevich
SECONDED by Amelia Huang

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve 2015 Regular Meeting dates, on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, as follows:

- April 22, 2015
- June 17, 2015
- September 23, 2015
- November 18, 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Subcommittees

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Amelia Huang

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council strike the following Subcommittees for the term starting immediately and ending February 28, 2017:

- Projects Subcommittee (generally meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month)
- Policies Subcommittee (generally meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) All Meetings - Notes on Website

The Committee had before it a draft motion requesting that all ATPC agendas and minutes, (including Working Sessions and Subcommittees), be posted to the ATPC website. Following discussion and input from the Meeting Coordinator and Council Liaison, the Committee agreed to postpone passing a motion on the matter until further clarification is provided on options available.

e) ATPC 2015 Priorities

MOVED by Molly Millar
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council adopt in principle the "Active Transportation Policy Council Proposed Priorities 2015" document, as circulated with the agenda for this meeting, as a working document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued and the Staff and Council Liaisons provided input and responded to questions.

It was agreed that ATPC 2015 Priorities be a standing item on Regular Meeting agendas, for review and updating.

f) Active Transportation Public Spaces/Plazas

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Simon Jay

WHEREAS

1. A lot of the City's public space is dominated by vehicles;
2. There is relatively little car-free shared space and it often pits walkers against people on bicycles/skateboards/skates (all active transportation modes with no emissions);

3. It is absurd to expect inline skaters and roller skaters to remove their skates (and walk in their socks) for one or more blocks;
4. All active transportation modes should be encouraged to add to a delightful experience, as per the Transportation 2040 Plan;
5. Examples of shared space for all active transportation modes have existed for years at the intersections at Bute & Haro, Cardero & Comox, and Gilford & Haro;
6. There may be occasions or festivals when plazas would be full of pedestrians, at which times other active transportation modes would not be appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT every public space initiative encourage all active transportation modes through design, (including narrowing, selection of surface type, shared space indicators, and repurposing including converting road space currently for cars), and policy. Places/Spaces/Plazas should contribute to a walkable and cycling-friendly and other active transportation-friendly city. They should provide a safe, accessible, and delightful walking experience, along with places for people to sit, gather, and connect with others. Options should include some covered seating and lighting.

FURTHER THAT public spaces should be designed for people to cycle/skateboard/skate safely and considerately, slowing as appropriate for the intensity of activity. At times of day with lower pedestrian volumes, other active transportation modes should not have to dismount.

- B. THAT the design of car-free spaces incorporate all active transportation modes. For example, the last number of Robson Redux designs (including the 2015 design), force people to use the sidewalks and not feel the sense of reclaiming the street, even though there is no motorized traffic. The 2016 design should be on the sidewalks to leave the street for all active transportation modes. Note: If the seating areas were on sidewalks, it would make sense. Again, at times of day with lower pedestrian volumes, other active transportation modes should not have to dismount.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g) Cycling Education

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Adam Vasilevich

WHEREAS

1. Transportation 2040 Plan encourages increases in Active Transportation modes through infrastructure and education;

2. The City of Surrey has made a significant multi-year investment in cycling education to ensure that all their elementary school kids are getting training;
3. The City of Vancouver provided little to no public access cycling education for all ages last year, and so far none this year;
4. Novices of all ages tend to start cycling or start again in the spring, Bike To Work Week is May 25-31, 2015, and the Commuter Challenge is May 31 - June 6, 2015;
5. The City is in the process of a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) for future processes, but there should not be a gap in services until that process is complete.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City fund cycling education programs starting in the spring or at the latest the summer of 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h) Dark Sky/Lighting

MOVED by Molly Millar
SECONDED by Amelia Huang

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council request a presentation from staff regarding dark sky lighting at the May 20, 2015 Working Session meeting, and that a motion on the matter be drafted for consideration at the June 17, 2015 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Staff Liaison Update

Staff Liaison updates were provided during Item 1.

5. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Simon Jay
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, June 17, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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