



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 23, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 5:40 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Dean Alexander
Joan Andersen
Graham Anderson
Sarah FioRito
Debbie Forbes
Peggy Harowitz
Lisa Slakov
John Whistler
Meghan Winters, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: John Calimente
Eugene Chin (Leave of Absence)
Jeff Cole
Tom Lancaster
Adam Vasilevich (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal
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 Debbie Forbes

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Eugene Chin and Adam Vasilevich, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by John Whistler
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council meeting on February 26, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Zero Fatalities Goal Update

The Chair advised there have been three fatalities so far in 2014, due to motor vehicle collisions (with other vehicles or with people). Two of the fatalities were drivers of the vehicles and one was a pedestrian.

It was agreed to include an update on fatalities as a standing item at the beginning of all regular ATPC meetings. The Staff Liaison offered to forward a monthly update on fatalities to the ATPC listserv.

1. Report Back on Meeting with Councillor Deal

ATPC members and liaisons reviewed processes for motions and options for providing advice to Mayor and Council, staff, and outside organizations.

2. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Deal provided updates on several topics including the Burrard Bridge improvements and Point Grey Road bikeway.

3. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates

Postponed.

4. Subcommittee Updates

(a) Projects Subcommittee

(i) Update

Graham Anderson provided an update on recent Subcommittee activities.

(ii) Kits Beach/Hadden Park Motion

Joan Andersen introduced a motion for consideration by the Policy Council.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Lisa Slakov

SECONDED by Dean Alexander

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) approve the motion below regarding Kitsilano Beach/Hadden Park;

FURTHER THAT the motion be sent in a letter to the Vancouver Park Board for consideration, with copies to Mayor and Council:

WHEREAS

1. The Seaside path through Kitsilano Beach/Hadden Park remains dangerous and uncomfortable with a narrow path used by people both on bikes and on foot, unlike on the vast majority of the 22 km Vancouver seaside path, where the two modes are separated;
2. The creation of the Point Grey/York/Cornwall Active Transportation Corridor is likely to increase cyclist and pedestrian traffic on this portion of the Seaside Greenway that travels through Kitsilano, Hadden, and Vanier Parks;
3. The Park Board approved separation of cyclists and pedestrians through the Kitsilano Beach area in October 2013, noting the need for safety in separation in modes;
4. The Park Board has asked staff to explore ways to improve safety on the existing route through Kitsilano/Hadden Park.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges the Park Board and City of Vancouver to work together to ensure the continuation of a safe, comfortable, welcoming and clearly marked seaside path for people of all ages and abilities both on foot and on bike through the Kitsilano Beach/Hadden Park area as soon as possible;

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends the prompt improvement of markings on the existing shared path route for cyclists through Kitsilano Beach/Hadden Park. To maximize the value of stencils and signage, the Active Transportation Policy Council encourages the Park Board to consult with stakeholders such as the ATPC, HUB and the Vancouver Public Space Network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Partnerships & Promotion Subcommittee

(i) Update

John Whistler provided an update on recent Subcommittee activities.

(ii) Zero Fatalities Report Motion

Joan Andersen reviewed a draft report prepared by the ATPC Promotions and Partnerships Subcommittee entitled “Report on Zero Fatalities Survey: #VisonZero”, dated April 2014. Discussion ensued and amendments were made to the recommendations set out in the report.

With regard to recommendation number eight in the motion, the Staff Liaison advised the City is not able to release ICBC collision data because it is not public information. He also indicated he will report back on the recommendations at the next regular meeting.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Graham Anderson

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) approve the report prepared by the ATPC Promotions and Partnerships Subcommittee entitled “Report on Zero Fatalities Survey: #VisonZero”, dated April 2014, with the amendments agreed to at this meeting;

FURTHER THAT the report, which includes the recommendations set out below, be forwarded to Council for its consideration:

1. That Council amend its Transportation 2040 Safety Goal to include zero serious injuries (Note: While there are numerous ways to define “serious injuries”, it is recommended that the City of Vancouver use the same definition as is used in the BC Road Safety Strategy 2015: “Serious injuries will be measured as those injuries requiring admission to hospital”).
2. That the City develop and monitor intermediate targets for moving towards the 2040 Safety Goal.
3. That the City report at a minimum annually on the progress being made towards meeting intermediate safety targets.
4. That the City dedicate staff and budget towards implementing safety initiatives and overseeing progress towards intermediate safety targets.
5. That the City initiate a multi-jurisdictional Zero Fatalities Task Force to coordinate initiatives that move towards achieving intermediate targets and the overall safety goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries, building on the existing informal meetings with ICBC, VPD and Engineering and including other stakeholders such as Vancouver Coastal Health and the Vancouver School Board.

6. That the City collaborate with BC's Provincial Road Safety Steering Committees to maximize collectively the impact of their efforts to improve safety and the availability of injury data, including near misses and minor injuries.
7. That increased safety for all modes be an important consideration in the planning of all transportation projects.
8. That all data collected in relation to achieving the Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries goal be published in a timely fashion on the City's web site so that it is accessible to all.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(iii) Point Grey-York-Cornwall Active Transportation Corridor Celebration

Lisa Slakov provided an update and discussion ensued regarding options for a celebration of the Point Grey-York-Cornwall Active Transportation Corridor.

5. Staff Liaison Update

Dale Bracewell, Staff Liaison, along with Lynn Guilbault, Active Transportation, provided updates on a variety of items, including the Pro Bike Pro Walk Pro Place Conference (submission to host 2016 in Vancouver), public bike pumps, rescheduling of the VCH Healthy People Healthy places lecture, partnering with City Studio Vancouver and an overview of the upcoming consultation on the 10-Year Outlook/4-Year Capital Plan.

During discussion regarding capital planning consultation opportunities, the Staff Liaison suggested ATPC members attend any upcoming public open houses in May/June to provide their feedback, and it was agreed to invite members of the Capital Plan Team to the ATPC Working Session in May.

It was also noted the first Accessibility Working Group (consisting of representatives from ATPC, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, Seniors Advisory Committee, and Persons With Disabilities Advisory Committee) meeting is May 13, 2014.

In addition, Mr. Bracewell provided updates on the status of various motions previously approved by ATPC.

6. New Business

(i) Tying Up Dogs

Debbie Forbes expressed concern regarding the uncertainty on whether dogs should be tied up in public places, and the lack of convenient tie-up places such as near bike racks and take-out windows. It was suggested Ms. Forbes liaise with the Park Board and HUB on the matter.

(ii) Public Bike Share

Lisa Slakov expressed concern regarding the lack of understanding related to the Public Bike Share program. It was agreed to request Scott Edwards, Manager, Street Activities Branch, provide the Policy Council with an update either by email or at the next Working Session meeting in May.

Adjournment

MOVED by John Whistler
SECONDED by Peggy Horowitz

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: June 18, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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