



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

February 26, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 5:38 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Tanya Paz, Chair  
Dean Alexander  
Joan Andersen  
Graham Anderson  
Eugene Chin  
Sarah FioRito  
Debbie Forbes  
Peggy Harowitz  
Adam Vasilevich
- ABSENT:** Jeff Cole (Leave of Absence)  
Tom Lancaster  
Lisa Slakov (Leave of Absence)  
John Whistler (Leave of Absence)  
Meghan Winters, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Heather Deal  
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

#### Membership Update

It was noted that since the last Regular meeting, resignations were received from Lisa Quintero and Jacob Hunter. Council appointed Sarah FioRito to fill the first of the two vacancies and the second appointment is tentatively slated for Council approval mid-March.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Graham Anderson  
SECONDED by Eugene Chin

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Jeff Cole, Lisa Slakov, John Whistler and Meghan Winters, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED by Debbie Forbes  
SECONDED by Peggy Harowitz

THAT the order of the agenda be varied by adding “appointment of subcommittee members” to Item 1, switching the order of Item 3 to deal with 3(b) v), 3(b) (ii) then 3(a) before the rest of Item 3, and to postpone Item 3(c) ii) to a future meeting;

FURTHER THAT the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Note from Meeting Coordinator: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Graham Anderson

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council meeting on October 16, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Election of Vice-Chair and Appointment of Subcommittee Members**

#### **(a) Election of Vice-Chair**

Following due process, Meghan Winters was elected Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation Policy Council, by acclamation.

#### **(b) Appointment of Subcommittee Members**

MOVED by Graham Anderson  
SECONDED by Debbie Forbes

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approves the following individuals to participate on the Projects Subcommittee:

Bev Ballantyne  
John Calimente  
Gertjan Hoffman  
Debra Rolfe  
Neil Salmond

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Eugene Chin

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approves the following individual to participate on the Promotion and Partnerships Subcommittee:

Camille Joseph

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Staff Liaison Update**

The Staff Liaison provided a high level update on a variety of items including intersection improvements at Joyce and Kingsway, signal changes along Point Grey/Cornwall, stats for separated bike lanes, and upcoming Cambie Street utility construction and potential opportunity for active transportation improvements.

It was noted staff are looking at forming a working group of members from ATPC and the Persons With Disabilities and Seniors Advisory Committees. It was further noted volunteers John Whistler and Joan Andersen as alternate, would represent ATPC.

Discussion took place regarding the 2016 Pro Bike Pro Walk Pro Place Conference. Following discussion it was

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Dean Alexander

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council supports an application by the City of Vancouver, with its partners, to host the 2016 Pro Bike Pro Walk Pro Place Conference in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. Subcommittee Updates and Motions**

### **(a) 2014 Priorities Motion**

MOVED by Adam Vasilevich  
SECONDED by Debbie Forbes

THAT the priorities of focus for the Active Transportation Policy Council for 2014, as determined at the ATPC Working Session on January 22, 2014, be approved as follows:

#### **PARKING**

- Locations of bike parking, including Easy Park
- Off-street vehicle parking in downtown core
- Residential and commercial developments and bike parking
- Transit-oriented developments and active transportation
- Bike cages and security

- Residential parking permits and fees
- Driveway widths, narrow sidewalks

#### BY-LAW CHANGES

- All active transportation-related bylaws, especially with regards to pedestrians including wheelchairs, cycling, skateboarding, and e-bikes/mopeds/scooters

#### COLLABORATING WITH OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Finding common ground, building relationships, giving them an opportunity to inform us on active transportation concerns

#### SUPPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROMOTION & ENABLING PLAN

- Support program
- Pedestrian wayfinding updated
- Bike map, bike route wayfinding and other education re: existing infrastructure
- Celebration of completion of Seaside Greenway & York Bikeway

#### INCREASE BUDGETS

- Work to support increases for capital infrastructure monies and monies for promotion and enabling of active transportation

#### ZERO FATALITIES

- Report out with recommendations
- Safety reports ped/cycling
- Lower speed limits

#### OTHER - OPEN SOURCE DATA AND TRANSIT FUNDING

- Encourage the City to make active transportation data open source
- Transit referendum or other support for long-term, sustainable transit funding for the region

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **(b) Projects Subcommittee**

#### **i) Update by Graham Anderson**

Graham Anderson provided an update on a variety of matters the Subcommittee is working on.

ii) Stanley Park Causeway motion

MOVED by Dean Alexander  
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver approved in 1997 a hierarchy of transportation that puts pedestrians first.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council supports allowing pedestrian use on both sidewalks as part of the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure proposed active transportation improvements to the Stanley Park causeway.
- B. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends improvements to wayfinding through Stanley Park that would encourage pedestrians to consider alternate routes to the west sidewalk.
- C. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends improvements to the Stanley Park causeway include better lighting, smooth surfaces, raised and clearly marked crosswalks at intersections, and that the causeway be set-up so that drivers yield to active transportation users on entrance/exit ramps.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii) DTES Community Plan

MOVED by Graham Anderson  
SECONDED by Eugene Chin

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council generally supports the transportation directions outlined in the draft Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, including:

- Enhancing walking safety and comfort at intersection crossings on major streets and along major arterial streets;
- Encouraging the creation of, and access to, public washroom facilities;
- Improving and expanding new walking and cycling routes including potential routes on Charles, Alexander, Water, Princess, Glen, and Cambie Streets;
- Improving the connection of Carrall Street Greenway to the seawall, including a new walking and cycling bridge at the north foot of Carrall Street to CRAB Park at Portside;
- Enhancing the existing walking and cycling routes including Keefer, Union, Heatley, and Quebec Streets;

- Continuing to explore opportunities regarding the removal of the viaducts to improve neighborhood livability;
- Maintaining and enhancing the street tree canopy by adding street trees.

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council suggests the following expanded opportunities be explored in the Downtown Eastside Plan and subsequent implementation planning:

- Long-term planning for the possibility of a dedicated bike route on Hastings Street;
- Building on the success of the 30km reduced speed zone on Hastings with a pilot residential street speed reduction program;
- Eliminating minimum parking requirements for both residential and commercial buildings and introducing maximum parking limits in the neighbourhood and updating residential parking permit (RPP) pricing and placement to align with the City's mode share targets and encouraging reduced car dependence among residents, workers, and visitors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Graham Anderson  
SECONDED by Eugene Chin

WHEREAS

1. CRAB Park at Portside is the only waterfront park in the Downtown Eastside neighbourhood;
2. CRAB Park was intended to "Create a Real Accessible Beach" to the Downtown Eastside neighbourhood and the current connections offer insufficient access;
3. An active transportation connection at Carrall Street would offer significantly improved access to waterfront green space for people who live and work in Gastown and the Downtown Eastside;
4. A new active transportation bridge offers additional opportunities to connect the Carrall Street Greenway to the seawall along West Waterfront Road, thus creating a complete circuit of seaside active transport paths around the downtown peninsula;
5. CRAB Park has been designed and landscaped for a direct bridge connection to Gastown at Carrall Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommend to City Council a new active transportation bridge from the Carrall Street Greenway to CRAB Park be given near-term priority as a strategic active transport connection.

- B. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council strongly encourages the City to consider further opportunities to improve waterfront connections west to the seawall and east to the Portside Bike Route, with the Carrall Street Greenway bridge to CRAB Park serving as a key link in the Seaside Greenways network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv) Marpole Community Plan motion

MOVED by Graham Anderson

SECONDED by Sarah Forbes

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council generally supports the transportation directions outlined in the draft Marpole Area Plan, and suggests the following opportunities be explored:

- Designating 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hudson Street as bikeways;
- Prioritizing the creation of additional waterfront access to the Fraser River throughout the community;
- Eliminating minimum parking requirements for both residential and commercial buildings and introducing maximum parking limits in the neighbourhood and updating residential parking permit (RPP) pricing and placement to align with the City's mode share targets and encouraging reduced car dependence among residents, workers, and visitors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

v) Seaside Greenway and Kits Beach/Hadden Park

a. Seaside Greenway

MOVED by Adam Vasilevich

SECONDED by Joan Andersen

WHEREAS

1. The Seaside Greenway Active Transportation Project and Burrard/Cornwall intersection are currently under construction; and
2. There is an opportunity for green space in the Burrard/Cornwall section of the projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council requests that City Council direct staff to develop a public gathering space on the road allowance on the south side of Burrard Bridge and Cornwall. This newly created space is situated at a key juncture of the city's active transportation network. A City of Vancouver program such as VIVA Vancouver or the assistance of a local community group can develop and program an accessible, inviting and welcoming space to encourage gathering, active transportation and public use to

ensure the long term success of a high quality active transportation infrastructure and public realm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Kits Beach/Hadden Park

MOVED by Sarah FioRito  
SECONDED by Debbie Forbes

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board gave direction to staff to discontinue proceeding with any options for a new path through Hadden Park, and that this be communicated to the petitioner in the B.C. Supreme Court application;
2. The Park Board will not be pursuing a new separated path through Hadden Park or at Kits Beach;
3. Twenty-eight of the 51 reported collisions from 2008 to 2012 involving motor vehicles (including dooring) along Cornwall/Point Grey occurred on Cornwall East and of the collisions on Cornwall East, the vast majority of them occurred from Balsam to Arbutus with the most dangerous intersection being Vine.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council request staff to re-look at creating an AAA route from the bridge to Balsam Street along Cornwall Avenue and potentially the park right of way between Arbutus and Balsam Streets.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Joan  
SECONDED by Adam

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board is not currently pursuing a new separated path through Hadden Park or at Kits Beach;
2. Active transportation improvements are needed to the Seaside Greenway.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the Park Board use the funds previously allocated to Hadden Park for improving active transportation facilities and safety along the Seaside Greenway, on the south side of False Creek and English Bay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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

**(c) Partnerships & Promotion Subcommittee**

i) Update by Joan Anderson

Joan Anderson provided an update on a variety of matters the Subcommittee is working on. She noted the Subcommittee is preparing a motion regarding open data for the next Regular meeting, and requested any input on the motion be forwarded to her.

ii) Promotion and Enabling Plan

Postponed.

iii) Street & Traffic Bylaw Review

MOVED by Tanya Paz

SECONDED by Peggy Harowitz

WHEREAS

1. The Street and Traffic By-law 2849 number 77 allows skateboards, in-line skates and similar non-motorized items (skaters) to ride on minor streets;
2. Since the adoption of By-law 77, a number of segregated bikeways and painted bike lanes have been implemented on streets that do not meet the definition of minor streets;
3. Skateboarding is a mode of active transportation that works well with other active modes such as walking and taking transit;
4. Providing more appropriate space for skateboarders will discourage skateboard use on sidewalks, making sidewalks safer for pedestrians;
5. Allowing skaters to use segregated bikeways and painted bike lanes would significantly improve their access throughout the city;
6. A skateboard usually consists of a board and four wheels and no brakes, per se, where stopping is usually foot-braking or dragging one foot on the ground.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends to City Council that it extend By-law 77A(1), to allow skaters to use segregated bikeways and painted bike lanes;

FURTHER THAT Council request Vancouver Park Board to change the equivalent Park Board By-laws;

AND FURTHER THAT all mentions and expectations of 'brakes' with regards to sleds or skateboards, be removed from the By-law(s);

AND FURTHER THAT, if possible, Council request the provincial government to request a change in the Vancouver Charter Chapter 55 Part XII - Street Traffic so that all mention of seizure and detainment of sled, snowboard, skateboard, or skis (e.1), be removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ii) Updates from Other Liaisons**

Councillor Deal provided updates on a several topics, including proposed by-law changes regarding street patios.

**iii) Other Business & Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Deal Anderson  
SECONDED by Eugene Chin

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting**

DATE: April 23, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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