



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

September 17, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 5:40 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Tanya Paz, Chair  
Joan Andersen  
John Calimente  
Eugene Chin  
Sarah FioRito  
Debbie Forbes\*  
Tom Lancaster  
Lisa Slakov  
John Whistler  
Meghan Winters, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** Dean Alexander (Leave of Absence)  
Graham Anderson (Leave of Absence)  
Jeff Cole  
Peggy Harowitz (Leave of Absence)  
Adam Vasilevich (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)  
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eugene Chin  
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Dean Alexander, Graham Anderson, Peggy Harowitz, and Adam Vasilevich, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debbie Forbes absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Eugene Chin  
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council meeting on June 18, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Debbie Forbes absent for the vote)

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to postpone hearing the Council Liaison Update until Councillor Deal arrived at the meeting. For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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### 1. Council Liaison Update

The Council Liaison provided updates on several Council-related matters.

### 2. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates

#### (a) Vancouver School Board Active Transportation Committee Representative

Following discussion regarding the appointment of a representative to the Vancouver School Board Active Transportation Committee, it was

MOVED by Meghan Winters  
SECONDED by John Calimente

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) appoint Camille Joseph as ATPC representative on the Vancouver School Board Active Transportation Committee, and that she report to the Partnerships and Promotions Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### (b) Park Board Feedback on Vanier Park

The Chair advised the Park Board is seeking feedback and suggestions on enhancing Vanier Park for year-round use and the proposed all-season surface for the Bard on the Beach festival site.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Debbie Forbes

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) requests the ATPC Chair write to the Park Board, with a copy to the Mayor and Council, expressing ATPC suggestions for improvements to Vanier Park as follows:

- Improve east-west connectivity
- Improve surfaces so Vanier Park can be navigated by all active transportation modes including skateboards and wheelchairs
- Improve way-finding for connectivity
- Improve accessibility to major events

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. Subcommittee Updates

#### (a) Partnerships & Promotion Subcommittee

##### (i) Update

The Chair provided an update on recent Subcommittee activities.

##### (ii) 2015-2018 Capital Plan

Following discussion on the 2015-2018 Capital Plan, it was

MOVED by Lisa Slakov  
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a goal of being the Greenest City in the World by 2020, which is less than six years from now, and this Capital Plan covers four of those years;
2. Recent City of Vancouver investments in active transportation infrastructure have already shown significant increases in mode share;
3. Best practices worldwide (e.g. Seville, Spain) indicate front-end infrastructure investment pays off in remarkable increases in sustainable transportation mode share;
4. Presently in the City of Vancouver's draft Capital Plan there is \$150M allocated for transportation and within that, \$45M is allocated for new projects;

5. The 2012-2014 City of Vancouver Capital Plan had \$13.1M for new projects in active transportation over three years, (the equivalent over four years would be \$17.6M), and was not adequate to achieve the City's safety targets and mode split targets;
6. In 2011 the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee and HUB calculated a conservative estimate of \$33M over three years needed for new projects to reach targets - therefore \$45M is also a conservative estimate over four years for new active transportation projects, and is not adequate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that allocation for new transportation projects in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan be significantly more substantial over the next four years in order to have the impact required to meet City goals, and actually realize the "City of Tomorrow".
- B. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council strongly recommends the \$45M for new projects go to active transportation corridors and spot improvements: Active Transportation projects focusing on pedestrian safety, bicycle and skateboarding network completion, including connectivity with transit and other modes, over bridges, and on destination streets such as commercial streets, schools, community centres, and parks.
- C. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council strongly recommends that all transportation projects include upgrades to improve safety for walking, biking, skateboarding, inline skating, transit users and other active transportation modes.
- D. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the capital allocation for Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation, in the category New and Expanded Infrastructure, include sufficient funds to upgrade the entire Seaside Greenway for active transportation for all ages and abilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(iii) Additional Bike Racks**

Debbie Forbes raised creative opportunities the City might consider to increase the number of bike racks around the city. Discussion ensued regarding the use of parking meters as bike racks and liaising with the Public Art Committee to explore bike racks as public art.

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to connect Ms. Forbes with the Staff Liaison for the Public Art Committee.

**(b) Projects Subcommittee**

**(i) Update**

The Chair provided an update on recent Subcommittee activities.

**(ii) Parking**

The Chair advised a draft motion regarding bike storage and parking will be brought forward to the next regular meeting for ratification.

**(iii) Vanier Park Feedback**

This item was dealt with under Item 2.

**4. Staff Liaison Update**

The Staff Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including:

- Burrard Bridge bike statistics news release
- Application to host Pro Walk Pro Bike Pro Place in Vancouver in 2016 was successful
- Planters at 1000 Beach Avenue on statutory right of way
- Active Transportation Promotion & Enabling Plan & recent promotional events
- Open Data additional bike counter locations

**Adjournment**

MOVED by John Calimente  
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting**

DATE: TBD  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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