



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 18, 2015

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Molly Millar, Acting Chair
Dean Alexander
Veronika Bylicki
Eugene Chin
Lisa Corriveau
Peggy Harowitz
Amelia Huang
Lisa Slakov

ABSENT: Joan Andersen (Leave of Absence)
John Calimente
Tanya Paz, Chair (Sick Leave)
Adam Vasilevich (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar (Park Board Liaison)
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
Lynn Guilbault, Stakeholder & Community Relations,
Active Transportation
Ron Macdonald, Manager, Energy & Sustainability,
Vancouver School Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Dean Alexander
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Joan Andersen and Adam Vasilevich and sick leave for Tanya Paz, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting Coordinator noted that Eric Brooke, who held the position of ATPC Vice-Chair, had resigned from the Committee due to work. The Committee thanked him for his service.

Election of Vice-Chair

Following due process, Molly Millar was elected Vice-Chair for the Committee.

At this point in the proceedings Ms. Millar assumed the Chair of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Amelia Huang
SECONDED by Veronika Bylicki

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council held September 23, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of ATPC 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule

The Meeting Coordinator noted the City Clerk's Office would be providing support for six two-hour Regular Meetings in 2016.

MOVED by Dean Anderson
SECONDED by Peggy Harowitz

THAT the 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Active Transportation Policy Council be approved as follows:

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Project for Public Spaces

Representatives from the Project for Public Spaces (PPS) from New York and Washington D.C. provided an overview of the 2016 Pro-Walk Pro-Bike Pro-place conference being held in Vancouver. Questions and discussion regarding various details of the event ensued.

The conference website is at the following link: <http://www.pps.org/walkbikeplaces2016/>.

2. Active Transportation Update: 5-Year Cycling Map and 2016 Look Ahead

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the Active Transportation Update: 5-Year Cycling Map and 2016 Look Ahead, and responded to questions. He also introduced new Active Transportation staff member Kati Tamashiro, who responded to questions about street cleaning.

3. Council Liaison Update

No report.

4. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates

Commissioner Coupar reviewed recent Park Board activities outlined in the "Park Board Liaison Report" dated October 2015, which was previously circulated to the Committee via email.

5. ATPC 2015 Priorities Update

It was agreed to postpone review the ATPC 2015 Priorities document to the next working session meeting.

6. Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Active Transportation staff provided updates regarding the following:

- Vision Zero
- Bike Licensing
- Promotion and Enabling Plan
- Follow-up on VPD Meeting

The Chair noted follow-up on the recent meeting with the VPD will be discussed further at the Policy Subcommittee level.

7. Subcommittee Updates

(a) Projects Subcommittee Update

(i) *South False Creek Seawall*

MOVED by Peggy Harowitz
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

WHEREAS

1. The South False Creek Seawall is a valued amenity to residents and visitors to the City.
2. Use of the South False Creek Seawall has steadily increased since it was constructed to the point of there being more and more potential conflicts between users due to user volume, especially during the peak periods of weekends and in the summer.
3. Active Transportation users of the seawall encounter problems with the current design, such as poor sightlines, uneven pavement and blind corners.

4. All users of the seawall benefit from certain amenities, such as water fountains, seating areas, and public washrooms, the latter in particular which are lacking.
5. Other newer sections of the seawall function better than the South False Creek section from an active transportation user perspective.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council supports in principle updates to the South False Creek Seawall as laid out by City staff in its October 2015 public consultation, using the following guiding principles in its final proposals:

- Pedestrian paths and other active transportation user paths being separated where space allows;
- The existing paving stone be replaced by a smoother surface such as asphalt as a smoother surface is more easily navigable by active transportation users;
- That different surfaces be used for pedestrian paths and other active transportation user paths to differentiate the two more easily for users;
- Slow cycling be encouraged on the seawall, and that faster cyclists be encouraged to use the Seaside Bypass Route by not only improving directional signage, but also by improving the safety conditions on the Bypass, to make the alternative a real option for more people on bikes;
- City staff continue to review the proposals for sections of the seawall where it intersects with road rights-of-way, most specifically the cul-de-sac on Moberly Road near Stamp's Landing and the crossing at Anderson Road, to minimize conflicts between cars and people on the seawall;
- Amenities be provided to seawall users, such as a variety of seating, water fountains, public washrooms and bike racks; and
- Access to the seawall be addressed more comprehensively in future plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) Parking Working Group

Discussion regarding project scope and next steps was postponed to the next working session meeting.

(b) Policies Subcommittee Update

(i) Complete Streets Initiative

Molly Millar and Veronika Bylicki provided an update on the Complete Streets Initiative. Review of a draft motion ensued and suggestions were provided by the Staff Liaison. It was agreed to prepare a final motion on the matter for approval at the next regular meeting.

(ii) Bike Licensing

The Committee reviewed options for a letter of recommendation regarding bike licensing.

(iii) Car-Free Public Spaces

The Staff Liaison responded to questions about the status and timeline for research on car-free public spaces.

8. Staff Liaison Update

Lynn Guilbault provided an update on upcoming activities for the Active Transportation Branch, including public consultation and progress on the following projects:

- South False Creek Seawall
- South West Marine Drive Repaving Project
- 10th Avenue Bikeway Corridor (Victoria Street to Trafalgar Street)

9. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dean Alexander
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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