



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

January 6, 2016

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Tanya Paz, Chair  
Dean Alexander\*  
Joan Andersen  
Ben Bolliger  
Veronika Bylicki  
Gene Chin  
Lisa Corriveau  
Paul Dragan  
Peggy Harowitz  
Amelia Huang  
Molly Millar, Vice-Chair  
Darren Proulx  
Lisa Slakov  
Adam Vasilevich

**ABSENT:** John Calimente (Sick Leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)  
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)  
Lynn Guilbault, Stakeholder & Community Relations,  
Active Transportation

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Introductions and Welcome to New Members

Members, liaisons and staff introduced themselves and welcomed new members Ben Bolliger, Paul Dragan and Darren Proulx.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Paul Dragan  
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve sick leave for John Calimente, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Dean Alexander absent for the vote)

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Eugene Chin  
SECONDED by Molly Millar

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council held November 18, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Dean Alexander absent for the vote)

## **2. Council Liaison Update**

The Council Liaison provided updates and discussion ensued on a variety of active transportation topics and matters dealt with at recent Council meeting, including:

- 5-year Cycling Network Additions and Upgrades and clarification regarding new bike routes
- ATPC recommendations regarding Little Mountain development proposal; bike parking and site configuration for active transportation
- Request from Council for ATPC's next top 10 new and upgraded bike routes priority list, to be provided by June, 2016

Discussion also ensued regarding active transportation, sidewalks, and bike lanes near construction. It was agreed to consider a motion on the matter under New Business. The Chair reminded members to report or send photos to 311 regarding any delayed or extended sidewalk or bike lane closures. It was also agreed to schedule a presentation from staff on 2015 update on supporting Active Transportation in construction zones at the February working session.

## **3. Chair Updates**

### **(a) SW Marine Drive**

The Chair advised she spoke to Council on the matter at the Standing Committee meeting on December 10, 2015, and provided a summary of updates made to the project since last meeting.

### **(b) Skateboarding Pilot Project**

The Chair advised she also spoke to Council on this matter at the Standing Committee meeting on December 10, 2015, and provided a summary. Discussion ensued and the Staff Liaison provided input regarding next steps.

### **(c) Davie Village Plaza**

The Chair provided an update on the report to Council addressed at the Standing Committee meeting on December 16, 2015 and thanked staff for the clear support of active transportation within the report.

**(d) Parking Meters**

The Committee discussed issues with locking bikes to parking meters and sign posts.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Adam Vasilevich  
SECONDED by Dean Alexander

WHEREAS it is already common practice to allow bike locking at parking meters and sign poles in the City of Vancouver, and in Montreal and Toronto.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council encourages Vancouver City Council and staff to make it legal for bicycles to be locked to parking meters, sign poles, and other City structures.

FURTHER THAT any new or replacement parking meters and meter areas be more bike lock friendly.

AND FURTHER THAT bike-friendly, car parking meters are part of an overall strategy to increase the amount of safe, legal bike parking in the city, in addition to an increase in other types of bike parking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(e) Illegal Pathway Blocking**

The Committee discussed a problematic section of Seaside Greenway, where fencing is blocking the path at 1000 Beach Avenue, and agreed to consider a motion on the matter under New Business.

**4. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates**

None.

**5. ATPC 2015-2016 Priorities Update**

It was agreed to postpone review of the ATPC 2015 Priorities document to the next working session meeting on February 3, 2016.

## 6. Subcommittee Updates

### (a) Projects Subcommittee Update

#### (i) *Little Mountain*

The Chair advised that City staff presented the developer's proposal for the Little Mountain site to the Active Transportation Policy Council on December 9, 2015, and noted feedback in a timely manner to City Council was requested.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Amelia Huang

SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

#### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver Transportation 2040 Plan includes a goal of two thirds of trips be via active transportation by 2040 partly by increasing the number of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) active transportation paths and lanes in the city.
2. The City's Greenest City Action Plan encourages safe active transportation infrastructure.
3. The City's Renewable City Strategy includes a "Complete Streets" component.
4. The Active Transportation Policy Council has had a staff presentation on the Little Mountain development application at its current stage.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council applauds the following component of the Little Mountain development application:

- No motor vehicle entrances or exits via Ontario Street or 37th Avenue; two significant routes in the City's active transportation network.

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council submits the following recommendations with regard to the proposed Little Mountain project:

- The supply of residential car parking should be at the lowest ratio, understood to be 0.8:1 (0.8 car parking stalls for every 1 unit).
- That the supply of commercial and other amenities car parking be at the lowest ratio possible.
- That plans for surface car parking be abandoned.

- The residential bicycle parking available be increased to space for 1 bike per maximum number of people permitted per unit.
- That outdoor bicycle parking be Grade B parking; covered and well-installed bike racks for maximum use.
- That space for bike sharing be included.
- That multi-use paths (MUPs) be abandoned and paths for pedestrians be delineated from paths for bicycles and other no emission active transportation vehicles.
- That paths for active transportation be safely separated from motor vehicle use.
- That 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue be more like a street bikeway (capacity for bikes at higher speed since this is likely how it will be used).
- That bus stop upgrades including shelter be added and that the plan include pedestrian crosswalks to the bus stops.
- That shadow studies be looked into, making sure the outdoor public spaces such as the plazas and the wedge park not have extensive shadows on them.
- That the treatment of the surface of the paths and plaza be appropriate for All Ages and Abilities (AAA) active transportation use (not too bumpy for people on small wheels or people with disabilities).
- That the plaza disallow motor vehicle use and be separated from vehicle use.
- That the space delineated as public space in this project continue to be public space once operational.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*(ii) Parking Working Group*

No report. Dean Alexander agreed to follow up with John Calimente and report out at the next Projects Subcommittee meeting.

**(b) Policy Subcommittee Update**

*(i) Complete Streets Initiative*

Follow up to draft motion reviewed at the November 18, 2015, meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed to postpone to the next regular meeting on March 2, 2016.

## 8. Staff Liaison Update

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

- Pro Walk Pro Bike Pro Place Conference (September 12-15, 2016)
- South False Creek upcoming consultation
- Cypress Street notification being sent out
- Nelson, Smithe, Cambie, Beatty, Richards upcoming consultation
- Point Grey Road pedestrian improvements
- 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway improvement options
- Olympic Village Seawall widening east of Cambie Bridge
- Proposed active transportation corridor on Commercial Drive
- Burrard bridge closure configuration during construction
- Report back to Council on cycling education program
- Bike sharing update: plan to launch late spring/early summer 2016
- Thanked City Clerk for extra help required by increasing number of ATPC regular meetings to 6 per year

New staff member Christine Edward, Planning Analyst, Active Transportation, was introduced.

## 9. New Business

### (a) Obstruction at 1000 Beach Avenue

In relation to the discussion that took place under Chair Updates, it was

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Peggy Harowitz

#### WHEREAS

1. The seawall section at 1000 Beach Avenue is a key part of Vancouver's active transportation network.
2. This section of the seawall is currently obstructed with fencing and signage not approved by the City since at least November 21, 2015, and this is the second time this Strata Council has illegally blocked the seawall in less than two years.
3. The City removed planters that previously obstructed this section of the seawall in 2014.
4. The fences obstruct use and pose a safety hazard to active transportation users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges the City to have the fencing barrier removed from the section of the seawall at 1000 Beach Avenue as soon as possible.

FURTHER THAT in future, the City immediately remove illegal structures blocking any part of the city's active transportation network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(b) Active Transportation in Construction Zones**

This matter was postponed to the next regular meeting on March 2, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Paul Dragan  
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting**

DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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