

**Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Transportation & Parking
Stakeholder Advisory Group
MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Date: November 22nd, 2018, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Britannia Community Centre, Info Centre Boardroom

Attendance

- (Guest Presenter) Susanna Haas Lyons, Jefferson Centre
- Sinead Stinson, BEST
- Michelle Jerome, The Kettle Society
- Ken Paquette, The Kettle Society
- Jeff Leigh, HUB
- Sammie Hwang, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Craig Ollenberger, Grandview-Woodland Area Council, Transportation Chair
- Cindy Brenneis, Grandview-Woodland Area Council, Member
- City staff: Justine Clift, David Rawsthorne, Cara Fisher, Scott Edwards and Robert Penning

Regrets

- David Kyobe (TransLink), Varun Banthia (PDAC), Shan Parmar (ATPC), and Betty Tronson

1. Stakeholder Member Updates

- *Vancouver Coastal Health* - Working with Fraser Health and TransLink on school travel planning; with an environmental scientist on air pollution; and FYI Road Safety Forum in BC next February 2019.
- *TransLink* - 99 B-Line bus canopy at Broadway-Commercial Station was completed in September providing rain protection for transit users; Commercial Broadway Station: construction is wrapping up shortly and the new platform and amenities are forecast to be open mid-January. Some construction will continue after the January opening. These will be less disruptive, correcting deficiencies and slope stabilization in Grandview.

2. False Creek Flats Community Panel Presentation

Presentation on the Community Panel for the False Creek Flats Arterial Road

- Randomly selected and demographically diverse group of residents and businesses. Meet regularly over four months
- Learn from experts and stakeholders, deliberate, hear from the public
- Work together to make a recommendation to Council and Park Board
- The Flats Arterial Community Panel tasks a diverse group of residents and business participants with providing a recommendation and rationale for the preferred alignment of an arterial route in False Creek Flats. The panel will:
 - Develop a set of criteria to guide the evaluation and selection of a preferred grade-separated east/west arterial road alignment.

- Recommend a route for the arterial road, with rationale for the recommendation and suggestions for mitigating any remaining concerns.

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- Public can get involved through workshops which will take place on March 5th and April 2nd 2019.
 - *Question: Are Emergency Services included in the Panel?*
 - They are considered a stakeholder who will present to the Panel.
 - *Question: Will there be an active transportation stakeholder presentation?*
 - Not formally. The Active Transportation Policy Council is not active right now. Organizations are welcome to submit a letter to the Panel.
 - *Question: Business representation is high, how was this selected?*
 - One-third of the panel will be local businesses. Businesses are highly impacted from options so they have higher representation.
 - *Question: Will neighbourhood councils or organizations be included in the process?*
 - Not all. Strathcona Residents Association (SRA) yes, Grandview-Woodland Area Council (GWAC) no, but has opportunity to submit a letter of considerations.
 - *Question: The original work only had three options, why is Prior Street a new option? Who decided this?*
 - Prior Street was added as a fourth option as it is the current street (or a status-quo option). All levels and departments of the City contributed to the decision to add Prior Street as an option.
 - *Question: The SRA submitted an option for National Avenue, is this being considered?*
 - The City of Vancouver is reviewing this proposal for technical feasibility now.

3. Project Updates

- **Nanaimo Complete Street**
 - The City is upgrading critical sewer infrastructure along sections of Nanaimo Street between McGill Street and 4th Avenue. In coordination with these sewer upgrades, there's also an opportunity to improve Nanaimo Street to make it safer and more comfortable for everyone.

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- *Question: How long is feedback from the public being received?*
 - Feedback will be received until Sunday December 2, 2018
- *Question: Will the speed limit be reduced to 30km/hr on this street as its now part of the bike network?*

- No. The speed limit on arterial roads is 50 km/hr and this will not be lowered. Local residential streets that are designated bikeways have a 30km/hr posted speed.
 - *Question: As density increases on Nanaimo, do we know what the future plans are for rapid transit or bus services on Nanaimo St?*
 - No. The upgrades to Nanaimo Street included good waiting areas at bus stops, and some bus bulges.
 - *Question: Why are there only crosswalks on one side of the intersection?*
 - Typically a marked or stripped crosswalk only goes on one side of a non-signalized intersection. There is still a lined crosswalk on the other side (hard to see in presentation).
- **Woodland and E 2nd Avenue**
 - The City is looking to expand Alice Townley Park which would include a closure to a section of Woodland Avenue.
 - Fortis BC has been using this area as a staging ground so the street has been closed for many months.
 - *Question: What is the timing for this closure?*
 - The City is moving ahead with this once Fortis BC is completed their work.
- **Commercial Drive Complete Street**
 - Ongoing engagement with the business community until end of 2018.
 - *Question: Who should we call at the City to move this project along?*
 - *We have a new City Council, so the new Council and project staff.*
- **10th Avenue and Commercial Drive**
 - City staff are coordinating with TransLink around the completion of the Commercial-Broadway Station upgrades
 - Minor design adjustments have been made based on feedback from local stakeholders
 - City staff aim to begin construction in Q1 2019.
- **Adanac Overpass**
 - Residents concerned about non-local short-cutting through neighbourhood. www.vancouver.ca/adanac-overpass
 - Fortis BC has completed its work on E 1st Ave. Access remains restricted to prevent short-cutting as traffic patterns stabilize
 - Additional data collection and monitoring. Consultation Winter 2019
 - *Question: HUB cycling heard that consultation on this project will only be for local residents, however this is on a regional cycling route. Will cyclists be considered for consultation?*
 - The City will take that into consideration.

- **Gastown Complete Street**
 - Gastown Complete Street project is underway and phase 2 of public engagement will take place next year.
 - *Question: Is there really a plan for streetcar?*
 - Yes. The city is completing a long-range citywide street car study.
- **Eastside Crosscut Greenway**
 - July 2018 Council direction for an East Van greenway
 - *Question: Has the Crosscut been chosen, I understood a number of potential greenways were under consideration?*
 - Yes.

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- **Mobi Bike Share**
 - Phase 2 expansion into East Vancouver has mostly happened with a few more stations to go.
 - Vancity Community Access Pass is in place which is accessible to people for \$20.

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 - *Question: Are there plans to get bikes for taller people over 6 ft? The seat post is too short for tall people.*
 - This feedback will be passed along to the bicycle providers. When repairs are made this is a good chance to make changes to the bike.
 - *Question: Is the busiest station still downtown?*
 - Yes. The Top 20 stations are more or less the same.
 - *Question: Have you considered expanding to UBC?*
 - See presentation slide. UBC, Richmond, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam recently launched bike share systems.
 - *Question: Are you considering expanding east?*
 - Yes eventually we'd like to service the whole city. The goal is to expand to demand in other service areas.
 - *Question: Why are dock less bikes a challenge?*
 - They are left in the public realm and in some cities are seen as creating competition for sidewalk space.
 - *Question: Have you considered reducing rates for relocation services from members?*
 - Not right now. We are looking at what other cities are doing in this area.

4. A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone that participated in the Grandview-Woodland Stakeholder Advisory Group over the past two years.