

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE TRAINING ROOM, ANNEX, ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-MAY-23,
COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor George Anderson, Chair
David Grey
David Murchie
Michele Patterson
Councillor Bill Bestwick
Councillor Ted Greves
Councillor Bill McKay

Staff: Susan Clift
Bob Prokopenko
Gordon Foy
Amir Freund
Jodi Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

a) Welcome and Introduction for new Committee members

Welcome to new committee members and round table introductions took place.

b) Election of Committee Chair

Nominations were requested for a new Chair. A single nomination for the Chair was made by Councillor Greves; Councillor Anderson was nominated. Councillor Anderson accepted.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Anderson fill the position of Chair for this term. The motion carried unanimously.

Michele Patterson was nominated as Alternate Chair.

It was moved and seconded that Michele Patterson fill the position of Alternate Chair for this term. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the 2012-MAR-06 minutes be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

No delegations were present.

6. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

a) Parking Update – Andrew Tucker

Tabled until next meeting. Andrew was unable to attend the meeting.

b) Transportation Master Plan Update – Gordon Foy *(copy of presentation attached)*

Progress update on the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan and current data collection activities:

- Transportation Plan Process: Where are we and next steps
- Household Travel Survey
- VIU Student Survey
- External Origin-Destination Survey
- Transit/BC Ferry Survey
- Screenline Counts
- Next Steps

Discussion

Is there going to be any other City consultation occurring at the same time as the Transportation Master Plan in the Fall? The Strategic Planning Initiative is to be complete by the end of Summer; Harewood Neighbourhood Plan will start later this year. Transportation and Mobility was identified during the Strategic Plan process and supports the need for a Transportation Master Plan. The Transportation Plan has targeted the start of public consultation this Fall.

What type of topics will be included in the scope of the Plan and to what level of detail should they be addressed? Process is to seek a balance between too many details, which could result in the process becoming overwhelmed, but at the same time, it needs to include enough detail, such that the plan will allow us to use it as a policy document to move forward with.

What is our sense of data quality, any issues?

While we have not received results yet, based on the feedback during the collection process, data collection appears to have gone well. The temporary relocation of the Duke Point Ferry had some impact on traffic counts, but the ferry on-board survey was

completed after the Duke Point Terminal was re-opened, so impacts were minimized. Also, the Gabriola Ferry broke down the day of the external origin-destination survey. An estimate will be developed for the missing trips.

Next steps include data validation and reporting out. The data collected will form the base of the Transportation Model and its development will continue over the Summer.

Throughout Summer, we will be developing a Terms of Reference and engaging a consultant for the plan development process. Mid-Fall is the expected timeframe for taking the information out to the public.

The 2012 budget for the Transportation Master Plan is \$400,000 and currently, we are tracking at just over \$300,000. The 2013 budget is \$300,000.

The Transportation Model is a model of transportation behaviour within the City of Nanaimo. The model scenario will be existing conditions (ie 2012); additional future scenarios will be developed to project into the future. The model focuses on cars and transit riders. It does estimate pedestrian and cyclist trip volumes between areas of the City, but not specific routes. The model will be a one hour model during p.m. peak period; when Nanaimo's network is currently at its maximum demand.

It was moved and seconded that the Transportation Master Plan Update presentation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Association (DNBIA) Bicycle Parking Update – Gordon Foy

The DNBIA is having success with installation of inverted "U" style bicycle racks on downtown sidewalks.

We have entered into a License Agreement with the DNBIA that identified more sites than could be developed with existing funding, therefore more can be installed next year with additional funding under the existing agreement.

The License Agreement allows us to keep as much of the responsibility for the furniture devices with the DNBIA. They continue to be the asset owner and have a license to keep their asset on our property, but they are responsible for maintaining it.

Racks will be monitored to see what type of utilization they are getting.

It was moved and seconded that the DNBIA Bicycle Parking Update be received. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Bike to Work Week Update – Amir Freund (presentation attached)

- Bike to Work Week is an international event.
- In 1997 Bike to Work Week was organized in conjunction with the City of Nanaimo.
- For 2012, we are hoping for a higher participation. Many sponsors have allowed us to have encouraging competitions and activities which are being held to help motivate people.

- Copenhagenize is being held tomorrow @ 5:00 p.m. at the Nanaimo Museum. Andreas Rohl, City Planner from Copenhagen, will be the guest speaker. Copenhagen has made leaps and bounds in promoting cycling within their city. They have more than 30% bicycle mode share within the City.

It was moved and seconded that the Bike to Work Week Update presentation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence submitted.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) How to develop infrastructure for EV's

Bruce Labelle will be invited to a future meeting to discuss Level 3 Charge Stations and possible funding.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Susan advised that the City of Nanaimo has an opportunity to apply for funding for a study which would identify where the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure should be. Staff will make application and if we receive the funding, the committee will become involved once we consult with the public.

A study was not done prior to the already installed infrastructure, due to the tight timeframe we had to apply for the grant money which was applied toward the charging stations.

Susan will look into usage statistics for the existing charging stations.

It was moved and seconded that Staff find out the statistics about people actually using the charging stations at VICC and Beban. The motion carried unanimously.

How many people have electric vehicles?

It was moved and seconded that Staff ask ICBC for Electric Vehicle numbers. The motion carried unanimously.

b) VIU and VIHA Parking Issues

The City of Nanaimo has put \$70,000 towards parking issues at VIU. Can we deny building permits if their parking issues have not been adequately dealt with?

Can we make a strong recommendation to Council that would suggest that these institutions or any public institutions need to deal with their own parking issues?

DRAFT Motion: More discussion with Staff, regarding potential strategies, to deal with parking issues is required.

c) RDN Transit

A request to invite RDN Transit to provide an update on all the upgrades to the routing they are doing.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:28 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

10. NEXT MEETING:

To be determined.

CHAIR