

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE TRAINING ROOM, ANNEX, ON THURSDAY, 2012-JAN-19,
COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Allan Davidson, Chair
Councillor Ted Greves
Councillor Bill Bestwick
Councillor Bill McKay
Councillor George Anderson
Jim Routledge

STAFF: Susan Clift
Bob Prokopenko
Gordon Foy
Amir Freund
Tim Davidson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. as scheduled.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the 2011-Sept-15 meeting were recirculated a week prior to the meeting due to the extended duration between meetings.

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

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

a. VIU Parking Update – Tim Davidson

In 2010, a resident only parking program was implemented adjacent to the Vancouver Island University (VIU) Campus between Third and Fifth Streets and Wakesiah and Lambert Avenues. Enforcement of the parking restrictions only occurs based on resident complaints; in the last twelve months, approximately 30 violations have been reported. Residents are successfully policing the area, very few tow orders are being given and the number of violations is decreasing over time. Most violations occur during school start-ups – i.e. Christmas/September. Bylaw Enforcement staff can usually resolve the issues through warnings without issuing violations.

There is need to establish a better rapport with VIU. VIU is focused on student education with lower priority afforded to off-campus parking issues. On-site parking operates at capacity Tuesday through Thursdays (heavier instruction days). Long term plans (see VIU Campus Master Plan - 2009) include demolition of older buildings and development of new buildings with further reductions in parking.

While a contemplated U-Pass system could reduce parking demand, the student association has historically not supported it.

Similar on-street parking issues exist at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH).

It was moved and seconded that the presentations be received. The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded for Staff to coordinate a meeting with RDN Transit, City of Nanaimo, VIU and School District 68 to re-open communication(s) re: the transportation issues of mutual benefit. The motion was carried.

b) Bike Racks – Tim Davidson

Real Estate and Engineering is working with the DNBIA to facilitate installation of bicycle racks in the Downtown. The DNBIA is proposing a simple design and their supplier is also able to undertake the installation. The racks are to remain property of the DNBIA; a licensing agreement will be developed covering the installation, maintenance and removal of the racks. The City is currently reviewing the proposed installation sites with the DNBIA; once this is complete the agreement will be finalized and the DNBIA can start installation.

Branding of some sort will be included in the design that will indicate the item as a bike rack - likely something related to DNBIA's partnership with the City.

Committee: The DNBIA should look for opportunities for revenue generation from these installations.

It was moved and seconded to direct Staff to return with a report on Downtown street advertising opportunities such as: bike racks, refuse receptacles and benches. The motion was carried.

c) Electric Vehicle (Public) Charging Stations Update

Updated information will be provided to members via email.

d) Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan (NTMP) – Gordon Foy (hand-out distributed)

Presentation provided a summary of TAC activities from 2010/11, a summary of upcoming data collection activities related to the NTMP in the Spring of 2012 and a general overview of next steps for the NTMP.

Discussion during the presentation included; the potential consideration of access to Newcastle Island as part of the NTMP, potential roles for the TAC to support communications during the data collection phase, the need to work closely with the

Regional District of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville, VIU and NRGH and to resolve the location of the Downtown Exchange as part of transit planning.

Approval to proceed was identified as an imperative issue as commencement of data collection is required in the next few weeks or the data collection would need to be pushed back to the Fall of 2012.

Discussion:

It was agreed that data collection should focus on collecting information to support transportation decisions within the NTMP process. Discussion on the data collection program and model focussed around when a consultant would provide a detailed outline of the models role, function and key outputs and to more clearly define the value of the model for TAC. An early presentation was deemed preferable but would have required delay of data collection activities until next Fall; this was not supported. A presentation could occur once a consultant was under contract in the latter half of February. It was proposed that a consultant presentation, of a similar transportation model from another community, be undertaken to present the purpose, capabilities, limitations and potential uses of Nanaimo's proposed model once data collection activities were underway.

It was moved and seconded that Staff proceed with the Transportation Master Plan data collection process and the selected consultant will provide the committee with updates as the process proceeds. The motion was carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:00 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

10. NEXT MEETING:

To be scheduled in coordination with staff.

CHAIR