



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 17, 2021
Submitted by: Transportation Committee
Subject: 2021 Annual Report – Transportation Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2021 Transportation Committee.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated November 17, 2021 from the Transportation Committee regarding 2021 Annual Report – Transportation Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2022 Transportation Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in spring 2022.

Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Transportation Committee is to provide recommendations and advice on traffic and transportation issues and priorities, and related matters in the following areas:

- traffic safety;
- accessibility;
- traffic operational issues;
- sustainable transportation modes including the reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions;
- traffic calming and place making;
- parking needs and systems;
- any other matters referred by Council; and
- other areas identified by the Committee where approved by Council.

Meeting and Attendance

The Transportation Committee met monthly between January and November 2021, with the exception of August, due to summer break.

Councillor Steve Milani was appointed as Chair and Councillor Zoë Royer as Vice-Chair for the 2021 term. The following members, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant to the Transportation Committee, were appointed:

- James Atkinson;
- Tim Barton;
- Yolanda Broderick, Seniors Focus Committee Representative;
- James Clarke;
- Andrew Hartline;
- Norbert Haunerland;
- Lori Holdenried;
- Rosemary Kean;
- Scott Kirkpatrick, HUB Representative;
- Amanda Masse;
- Jeff McLellan;
- Kathleen Nadalin, ICBC Representative; and
- Emma Owen.

Jeff Moi, General Manager of Engineering and Operations, Stephen Judd, Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services, Geoffrey Keyworth, Transportation Engineer, and Constable Brian Wong, Port Moody Police Department, served as the staff liaisons to the Committee in 2021. Philip Lo, Jennifer Mills, and Esin Gozukara served as the Committee Coordinators.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2021 Transportation Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on February 23, 2021. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2021 by the Transportation Committee (a list of resolutions made in 2021, along with the status of the resolutions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

St. Johns Street/Elgin Street Intersection Request

The Committee recommended including a traffic signal at the St. Johns Street and Elgin Street intersection as a project in the Master Transportation Plan Implementation Plan. This was supported by Council.

St. John's Corridor Redesign Consultation

The Committee provided feedback on early concepts for the St. Johns Street Redesign project, particularly related to areas west of Moody Street.

Active Transportation Project Update

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on polices and projects related to active transportation in Port Moody.

Traffic Signal Technology Update

The Committee received a presentation on traffic signal technology and operations in Port Moody.

Traffic Signal Improvement Program

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on a traffic signal improvement program in Port Moody.

COVID-19 Automated Pedestrian Buttons Program

The Committee reviewed the temporary COVID-19 related automated pedestrian buttons program and recommended that the City adopt the automated buttons as a permanent option for signals in Port Moody where conditions warrant. This was supported by Council and has been adopted into ongoing traffic signal operations practices.

Traffic Review and Coordination Working Group

The Transportation Committee and the staff-led (City/PMPD) Traffic Review and Coordination Working Group (TRAC) met to discuss the role of TRAC, its work plan and activities, and interactions with the Transportation Committee.

Parking in Port Moody

The Transportation Committee discussed issues related to parking for vehicles and bicycles in Port Moody, including on-street and off-street parking. The Committee identified three areas for future focus and discussion: bike parking, pay parking, and accessible parking.

In addition, the Committee recommended that a pilot project closure of Hugh Street, north of Murray Street, be implemented to increase space for park maintenance and bike parking use while improving multi-use path safety along Murray Street. Council supported this recommendation, which is now in the planning and design stages.

OCP Consultation

The Committee provided feedback on the City's Official Community Plan Update project.

ICBC Presentation

The Committee received a presentation on ICBC Insurance Changes.

TransLink Regional Transportation Strategy (*Transport 2050*)

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on TransLink's *Transport 2050* plan development.

Sasamat Greenway – Safe and Active Transportation Corridor

The Committee received a delegation from the HUB Cycling Tri-Cities Local Committee regarding a request for an active transportation corridor from the Shoreline Trail and Alderside Road along 1st Avenue and Bedwell Bay Road. The Committee recommended that the City review the costs and feasibility of such a connection; this recommendation was supported by Council. This review is now included in the scope of the Bedwell Bay Road traffic study, which is underway in partnership with Metro Vancouver.

Pedestrian Crossing Timing Review

The Committee received a presentation on extending pedestrian crossing times at many key traffic signals in Port Moody. The Committee endorsed a program to increase pedestrian clearance times, and the program was supported by Council. Updates to traffic signal timing at the recommended 15 intersections are now being implemented.

Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Related to Transit

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on accessibility programs and responsibilities related to transit in Port Moody.

COVID-19 Transportation Update

The Committee received a presentation on transportation data and observations in Port Moody during the COVID-19 Pandemic and City transportation initiatives underway in response to the pandemic.

Murray Street Speeding Concerns

The Committee received a delegation related to traffic safety and speeding concerns on Murray Street. Staff are reviewing the residents' request from a future planning policy perspective and will provide an update to the Transportation Committee in 2022.

Traffic Calming Initiatives Prioritization

In accordance with the City's approach to traffic calming initiatives, starting in 2021, the Transportation Committee is tasked with prioritizing outstanding traffic calming initiatives on an annual basis. The Committee reviewed the existing outstanding initiative locations, added two additional locations, and passed a motion confirming the current prioritized list. The Committee also endorsed the development of a "Speed Hump Program" to fund installation of a limited number of speed humps each year. This program will be presented to Council for review in 2022.

TransLink Presentation – Where We've Been and Where We're Going, Together

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on TransLink's transit operations through COVID-19 and upcoming transit initiatives.

Moray Street Traffic Calming Initiative

The Committee reviewed the draft Moray Street Traffic Calming initiative design and endorsed the plan for a pilot project subject to further consideration of future active transportation facilities and alternate routes. This initiative will be presented to Council for review in 2022.

In addition, throughout the year, the Committee received several updates on transportation and traffic projects, ICBC initiatives, PMPD initiatives, and other related information items.

Outstanding Matters

The Transportation Committee's Annual Work Plan included several items that were not addressed in 2021:

- Spring Street Streetscape Priorities;
- Transportation and Climate Action (Climate Action Committee to join);
- Supporting Electric Vehicles;
- Blanket Speed Limits; and
- Autonomous Vehicles.

Staff have now initiated a project to update the 2017 Master Transportation Plan (MTP) as a priority recommendation in the Climate Action Plan. As the last four items are closely related to the MTP Update project, these items should be included in forthcoming project discussions with the Committee.

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

For 2022, it is recommended that the Transportation Committee continue work on outstanding items from the 2021 Annual Work Plan, as well as the following items:

- Master Transportation Plan Update (to include related outstanding 2021 Work Plan items);
- follow up on outstanding traffic concern referrals – Murray Street Speeding Concerns, and Glenayre Drive Traffic Concerns; and
- 2021 Parking in Port Moody discussion follow-up items – bike parking, pay parking, and accessible parking.

Attachment

1. 2021 Transportation Committee Resolutions.

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