

## City of Port Moody **Minutes**

### **Transportation Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 via Zoom.

**Present** Councillor Steve Milani, Chair

> James Atkinson Tim Barton

Darquise Desnoyers

**Darren Hailes** Andrew Hartline Norbert Haunerland Lori Holdenried Rosemary Kean Kathleen Nadalin Nadia Olynyk

**Absent** Councillor Meghan Lahti, Vice-Chair

Yolanda Broderick Jeff McLellan

Vincent Traietti – Constable, Port Moody Police Department

In Attendance Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator

Geoffrey Keyworth - Transportation Engineer

Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations

Call to Order 1.

Call to Order 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

> 2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1 TC22/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee** meeting held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 be adopted.

**Unfinished Business** 

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## Master Transportation Plan Update

4.1 Presentation: Geoffrey Keyworth, Transportation Engineer To be distributed on-table.

Link: <u>TransPort Moody Update: Advancing Climate Action in</u> our Master Transportation Plan

The Transportation Engineer gave a presentation on the Master Transportation Plan Update, and noted the following:

- the Committee members are invited to watch the Advancing Climate Action in our Master Transportation Plan Webinar via the link provided in the agenda;
- within the scope of this update, residents were asked to participate in a survey that was available during March-April 2022 on Engage Port Moody;
- preliminary data from the survey is available and indicates that survey respondents were overall supportive of the Master Transportation Plan's vision and addressing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions;
- "actions that create a walkable city" and "actions that create a safe and liveable city" are identified as highest priority by survey respondents to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions;
- pay parking is identified as the lowest priority strategy to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions;
- travel time is identified as the most important factor for transportation in Port Moody;
- respondents submitted their Big Move ideas via the survey; and
- further engagement activities, including workshops with stakeholders and staff, are scheduled for May 2022, and the engagement will resume in Fall 2022 after project team discussions are completed.

#### The Committee noted the following:

- the timing of the survey, considering the recent price increases in gas, may have impacted the survey results:
- high levels of support for addressing certain issues may not translate into support for actions to mitigate the issues:
- adding targets to the actions identified for reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions would help create a plan;
- strategies for reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions that the City can directly influence and advocate should be communicated to the residents in a clear way;
- the usage of "development" in the vision statement of the Master Transportation Plan could be reconsidered;

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- budgeting for and planning for maintenance of Big Move ideas are important;
- survey results may not represent what the entire community thinks about a certain issue;
- reimagining the usage of road spaces appears to be a common theme of the survey;
- comfort being at the bottom of the hierarchy of mobility needs could be misleading;
- reducing or eliminating the mandatory parking minimums could be considered;
- a shift in focus from "trips taken" to "trips not taken" is necessary;
- accessibility is an important mobility need for transportation in Port Moody, and the infrastructure needs to be planned and built based on this need; and
- the City could benefit from setting a standard clear pedestrian width for sidewalks on major streets.

The Transportation Engineer noted the following in response to guestions from the Committee:

- affordability might have been identified as a more important factor, if the survey had been conducted in May 2022;
- Big Moves will be focused more on behaviour modification rather than infrastructure building; and
- public engagement efforts, comprehensive data collection and analysis, and other project management tasks are impactful on timelines.

In response to questions from the Committee, the General Manager of Engineering and Operations noted that the City is not on track to meet the targets outlined in the Master Transportation Plan due to the timeline being accelerated to be in alignment with the Climate Action Plan goals. The General Manager of Engineering and Operations also noted that it is challenging to set a standard width for sidewalks as there may be inconsistent property lines in certain sections of some streets.

# Streets, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw Update

4.2 Presentation: Geoffrey Keyworth, Transportation Engineer To be distributed on-table.

The Transportation Engineer gave a presentation on Streets, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw Update, and noted the following:

- the Bylaw Update workplan outlines three components for this Bylaw update, and the review of comparable bylaws in other municipalities is in progress;
- cities that have included active transportation in their bylaw and taken part of the province wide micromobility pilot project is of particular interest for this review;
- initial internal consultations clarified that updating the

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- o definitions;
- traffic control;
- o parking, stopping, and leaving vehicles; and
- pedestrian rights and duties;
- rapidly changing topics of general interest will also be explored during the update; and
- this update should be coordinated with other projects, and resource planning should be carefully done with a realistic approach.

### The Committee noted the following:

- updating definitions and clearly defining areas in which electric micro-mobility devices can be used will be important for this update;
- parking regulations, keeping short-term parking for couriers and deliveries in mind, need to be reviewed;
- allowing three hours of parking creates a false sense of ownership in front of properties;
- four-hour parking at Moody Centre and Rocky Point Park is too long, and often the same vehicles park in the same spots;
- the update should not prohibit bikes on sidewalks;
- there is a significant demand for curbside management as residents are getting more things delivered;
- the speed of electric micro-mobility devices, especially e-bikes, should be taken into consideration when formulating the specific regulations;
- some e-bikes users tend to go faster than the users around them, and this may result in conflicts;
- usage of radar technology on Bylaw vehicles would allow for issuing more parking tickets;
- strict enforcement of the parking regulations in loading zones is necessary;
- vulnerable road users already take on many responsibilities, do not feel like they belong on the road, and to improve their experiences, some measures, including advanced pedestrian lights, could be considered; and
- allocation of time and resources should be considered when planning for regulations and enforcement for e-bikes as fatalities and injuries occur due to vehicle pedestrian conflicts.

In response to questions from the Committee, the Transportation Engineer noted that the word "bicycle" does not appear in the current Bylaw, and a section on biking is planned to be included. The Transportation Engineer also noted that the current enforcement for parking is being done manually, the City does not have a vehicle with radar technology.

In response to questions from the Committee, the General Manager of Engineering and Operations noted that a vehicle equipped with radar technology to issue parking tickets was considered in the past, but there were not enough resources at the time, and could be proposed again.

### TC22/015

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to 30 minutes.

## TransLink Presentation Topics

4.3 The Transportation Engineer noted that TransLink gave two presentations to the Committee in 2021, and it may be possible to invite them in 2022 if the Committee identifies a few topics for discussion.

The Committee noted that multi-modal trips including bikes on transit, cycling and active transportation, washrooms at transit stations, bicycle safety, creating better regional transit connections, Port Moody transit routes after the Evergreen Line Extension Area Plan implementation, and accessibility on transit are topics that could be explored.

Rosemary Kean, Kathleen Nadalin, and the Transportation Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

- 5. Information
- **Staff Updates**
- 5.1 There were no updates at this time.
- 6. Adjournment
- 6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:17pm.

Councillor Steve Milani,

Chair

Esin Gozukara,

Committee Coordinator

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