



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Transportation Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Steve Milani, Chair
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Vice-Chair
Jim Atkinson
Yolanda Broderick
James Clarke (arrived at 7:08pm)
Darren Hailes
Andrew Hartline
Norbert Haunerland
Lori Holdenried
Jeff McLellan (arrived at 7:11pm)
Nash Milani
Kathleen Nadalin
Emma Owen

Absent

Tim Barton
Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
Scott Kirkpatrick (Regrets)
Brian Wong – Constable, Port Moody Police Department (Regrets)

In Attendance

Shashi Bandara – Project Engineer (re item 4.2)
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Christopher Thompson - Staff Sergeant, Port Moody Police Department

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

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

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2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1 TC20/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Multi-Use Paths

4.1 Presentation: Scott Kirkpatrick, HUB

This item was postponed to the July meeting.

Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer Project Update

4.2 Presentation: Shashi Bandara, Project Engineer

The Project Engineer gave a presentation on Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer and Trail Upgrades and the following was noted:

- the project includes the replacement of two sanitary sewers located parallel to the Canadian Pacific railway tracks and may provide the opportunity to undertake upgrades to the Shoreline Trail between Alderside Road and Murray Street;
- the project is multi-phased with both sanitary sewers scheduled for replacement or rehabilitation in the coming years;
- for the project is currently working towards completing 30% designs and funding strategies will be presented to Council later this year for the design and construction phases; and
- the construction is scheduled to begin in February 2021.

The Project Engineer requested feedback from the Committee to inform the design of the project and the following was noted:

- the City could work with CP Rail to develop a Traffic Management Plan for the trail during construction to ensure the safety of pedestrians and the protection of infrastructure;
- the trails could include more signage to inform users of alternative routes and trails in the area;

- the multiuse pathways cause conflict with users of different abilities and the creation of separate commuter and recreational cyclist routes could be incorporated in the design;
- the Shoreline Trail could benefit from providing connectivity from Trasolini Field to Newport Village;

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations advised that the implementation of a dedicated cycling lane on Ioco Road could require moving or widening the entire road to take advantage of on available land and that steep grades, environmentally sensitive areas, and coordination with infrastructure renewal must be considered in the design.

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Moved and seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City review existing painted or separated bike routes to identify areas where additional separation between bikes and vehicles could be created.

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations advised that creating separation between vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists can be accomplished through techniques such as spring loaded bollards, rubber curbs, or elevated bike lanes, and that each design must consider the financial and operational impacts.

The Committee noted the following in response:

- the bike lane painting could be maintained more frequently to ensure that bike lanes and symbols are visible;
- the entire bike lane could be painted to ensure it's highly visible and identifiable;
- the street parking could be removed in some areas to provide a bike lane; and
- the bike lane could be positioned between the parking lane and the sidewalk to use parked cars as protection for cyclists and pedestrians.

Yolanda Broderick left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The Project Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Accessibility Issues in Walking and Transit

4.5 Presentation: Jeff Moi, General Manager of Engineering and Operations

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations gave a presentation on Accessibility Issues in Walking and Transit and the following was noted:

- the considerations for walkability and accessibility can include the ease of accessing facilities from transit stops and the navigational cues and accommodations on the route for commuters of all ages and abilities;
- the improvements undertaken in Port Moody for walkability and accessibility include installing more rest places, installing audible pedestrian signals and locators, increasing pedestrian signal crossing times, providing pedestrian priority crossing with delayed vehicle left turn signals, creating driveway slopes that begin after the crosswalk, upgrading bus stops to be accessible for wheelchair access, installing tactile surfaces at transit locations, and upgrading ground surfaces to smoother materials;
- the implementation of raised crosswalks, such as at Newport Village, create a prominent crosswalk for pedestrians and eliminate the need for ramps which creates a safer and more accessible experience for wheelchair users; and
- the normalization of intersections can include the removal of slip lanes where the reclaimed road can be repurposed for landscaping or pedestrian areas.

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations requested feedback from the Committee and the following was noted:

- the intersections at Ioco Road and Guildford Way, Ioco Road and Murray Street, and Ioco and Ungless Way were noted as intersections that should be considered from a traffic safety and accessibility point of view;
- the Engineering staff and Council could participate in an Accessibility Workshop to help inform accessibility planning in public infrastructure;
- the connectivity from the Port Moody SkyTrain stations to shopping areas should be reviewed for accessibility improvement opportunities;
- the installation of continuous lighting along pathways could provide users with more comfort;
- the implementation of scrambled crosswalks could be reviewed;

- the intersections with setback crosswalks could be reviewed to ensure pedestrians are as visible as possible;

TC20/018

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to 30 minutes.

- the sidewalks in some areas of the City require upgrading and widening;
- the bus stop locations at Sutter Brook and Newport Village could be reviewed to determine if there is an opportunity for relocation closer to store fronts;
- the reduction in speed to 15 or 20 km/hr in Newport Village and Suter Brook Village could be reviewed;
- the St. Johns Street redesign offers the opportunity for a traffic redesign to ensure the utmost safety for pedestrians, cyclist, and vehicles; and
- the connectivity from Moody Centre Station to the West Coast Express could be improved.

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations noted the following in response to Committee members' comments:

- the implementation of scrambled crosswalks in locations without high pedestrian and low vehicle use can lead to increased traffic delays;
- the physical design of each intersection effects pedestrian safety and the crosswalk location;
- the Official Community Plan and Master Transportation Plan identifies some pedestrian network improvements for future development which are considered in development applications; and
- the long-term vision for the Murray Street area includes transportation of all modes and capital funding programs may be available from TransLink to support such City improvements.

5. Information

COVID-19 Discussion Update

5.1 Verbal Report: Jeff Moi, General Manager of Engineering and Operations

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations provided an update and the following was noted:

- the Slow Zones report from the Transportation Committee related to road reallocation and pedestrian prioritization is scheduled for the June 23, 2020 Council Meeting;
- the implementation of a slow zone on Alderside Road has created a local traffic only zone and was prioritized due to its heavy active transportation use; and
- the City has implemented automatic pedestrian crossing signals at 17 intersections throughout Port Moody which are operational between 7am and 9pm.

6. Adjournment

6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.



Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator