



**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Electronic and in Meeting Room G
Lower Level, City Hall**

PRESENT

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	Chair
Alice Cavanagh	Representative, Business Community
Garey Carlson	Representative, Local Cycling Advocacy Organization
Matthew Chan	Person with Professional or Technical Expertise
Spencer Gillis	Community Member
Dan Hawke*	Person who Walks, Uses Transit, or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation
Tanushree Pillai*	Person who Walks, Uses Transit, or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation
Randi Poitras*	Representative, Indigenous Community
Peter Valbonesi*	Person with Lived Experience of Navigating the City's Transportation Network with Physical or Cognitive Barriers

REGRETS

Asifa Lalji	Person with Lived Experience of Navigating the City's Transportation Network with Physical or Cognitive Barriers
Iain Lancaster	Representative, School District 40 or DPAC
Vic Leach	Representative, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization
Arshdeep Singh	Community Member

GUESTS

Brian Patterson	Urban Systems
P J Bell	Urban Systems

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Anderson	Acting Manager, Transportation
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Erica Tiffany
Katie Stobbart

Senior Transportation Planner
Committee Clerk

*Denotes electronic attendance

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Johnstone opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS**

Committee members and staff completed a round of introductions.

3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the May 11, 2022 Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 **Minutes of March 2, 2022**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the March 2, 2022 Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 **Active Transportation Network Plan**

Mike Anderson, Acting Manager, Transportation, introduced Brian Patterson and PJ Bell, Urban Systems, and noted that the aim is to have the Active Transportation Network Plan done by September. Mr. Patterson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Active Transportation Network Plan.

During the presentation, Committee members participated in an icebreaker regarding what they like most and least about walking, wheeling, and cycling in New Westminster, and why.

Procedural Note: Peter Valbonesi joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

In response to questions from the Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Patterson, and Bell advised that the plan is primarily focused on wheeled mobility. However, if through this exercise a gap for walkers is discovered as well, it will be addressed. Any time we create a multi-use pathway or mobility lane, these interact with walking corridors, so both forms of active transportation are discussed.

The Committee had the following comments arising from discussion:

- People are more likely to embrace a direct route than one that takes them 500 metres out of their way;
- When choosing routes, ensure they go past large destinations like malls and Skytrain stations for connectivity, not just within 500 metres of those amenities;
- The Q to Q Ferry is currently hard to access by bicycle; any form of mode switching should be connected;
- Connectivity should include bridge access and other connections, such as regional greenways and other communities' major routes;
- Need landing pads for cyclists in commercial areas to access businesses midway along routes; and
- Many times when construction closes an area, there are not robust reroutes for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Committee responded to questions regarding what are the biggest challenges and opportunities for active transportation in New Westminster. The biggest challenges listed were:

- Hills;
- How the routes are conveyed, particularly to vehicle users;

- Limited cross-sections and constrained environments;
- Trucks; and
- A legacy of older infrastructure.

Big opportunities are to make sure we are including pedestrian and a variety of transportation needs simultaneously, road space reallocation, and building more sidewalks for street safety.

The Committee was asked to identify key destinations including schools, SkyTrain stations, major parks, and commercial areas. Committee members identified that residential areas with high density are also key destinations. One challenge with commercial areas is balancing the needs of parking and storefront access to a building. City and government services are also key destinations, including recycling facilities.

Mr. Patterson also shared an interactive Mural (app.mural.co) and the Committee went through a map of New Westminster to identify priorities.

Procedural Note: Peter Valbonesi left the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Tanushree Pillai left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The Committee had the following further comments regarding priorities for starting the plan:

- Would like to see more traffic diversion and traffic calming as it can have a big impact insofar as the perception of safety;
- Barriers are more economically efficient than green separation—it's a lot easier to install concrete barriers for more safe infrastructure faster, it is just unappealing; and
- Expanding the network first in quick and easy ways will encourage people to start cycling, then later improvements can be made as fewer people rely on cars.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no items.

7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

9. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:16 p.m.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Remaining meetings for 2022, which take place at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- July 6
- December 7

Certified Correct,

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

Katie Stobbart
Committee Clerk