

OPEN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Monday, August 30, 2021

Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and
Open to the Public in Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Chinu Das
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

ABSENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Councillor Mary Trentadue

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Ms. Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Curtis Bremner	- Deputy Chief, Fire and Rescue Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager, Electrical Utility
Ms. Sadaf Ghalib	- Climate Action Planner, Development Services
Ms. Lisa Leblanc	- Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Lynn Roxburgh	- Acting Manager, Climate Action
Ms. Harji Varn	- Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance
Ms. Eva Yip	- Acting Director of Human Resources

GUEST:

Mr. Jeff Turner - Dunsky Consulting

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

1. eMobility Strategy Workshop

- a. Presentation.**
- b. eMobility Strategy Workshop**

Jeff Turner, Dunsky, provided a presentation on the eMobility Strategy, and in response to

Council questions and comments, provided the following information:

- In terms of funding, the report views the City and the Electric Utility as united;
- The goal is to reduce the number of personally-owned vehicles, and have the remaining ones be electric;
- Policy for electric scooters is not on the radar as yet, however micromobility is attractive to people, and Council may want to consider micromobility issues sooner rather than later, to allow for appropriate policy and infrastructure to be in place as it becomes more and more popular;

Council also discussed the following:

- There is a need to build infrastructure for active transportation alongside developing policy so that people using active transportation are safe from traffic;
- There are few electric vehicle facilities in rental buildings, and along with other issues such as large wheelchairs not fitting through doors, and electric bikes not fitting on elevators, people living in those buildings have less access to active transportation;
- Safety is an issue, especially for people who are least able to move;
- Electric scooters are much more accessible than electric bicycles;
- Many cities have not matched budgets to the requirements for active transportation and there is a need to push for changing practical impediments for those who want to pursue active transportation;
- The City will need to have a conversation about electric scooters, and see how they fit into general transportation; and,
- There is a Need to determine what subsidies and other assists and incentives are needed to fill in the gaps and increase equity in access to active transportation.

Mr. Turner thanked Council for their input and indicated the input is consistent with the proposal. He noted that the next steps would be an online survey and second stakeholder workshop in September, and then a draft strategy would be ready for October, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

JONATHAN COTE
MAYOR

JACQUE KILLAWEE
CITY CLERK