

MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
April 21, 2016, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Vic Derman (Chair), James Grayson, Alex Nagelbach, Anne Topp, and Darrell Wick

Staff: Catherine Mohoruk, Manager of Transportation & Development; Police Sgt. Andy Stuart; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Dan Casey, Suzan Jennings, Judy Gaylord, Rebecca Mersereau

Minutes

MOVED by J. Grayson and Seconded by A. Nagelbach: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held March 17, 2016, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair congratulated everyone on the successful cycling festival. This event was even bigger and better than before and very good feedback was received.

Streets being treated as conduits

The Chair proceeded to present an excerpt of his Natural Cities presentation and discussed city planning, establishing key priorities, land use, transportation and transit, density, priority modes, and the need to invest in infrastructure. A discussion occurred and points were made regarding political vision/willingness, opportunities for adding land value and places for exchange, and positive impact on adjacent communities. It was noted that there is huge opportunity for the area between Uptown and the Hudson to be developed in a successful way.

CRD ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Information from the CRD was circulated for information, and it was noted that a representative will be present at the May 2016 meeting to answer any questions.

TILLICUM/GLANFORD COMMITTEE RESPONSES

Members noted that some of their previous comments were made before completion of the work. Feedback was given regarding the work and the following was noted:

- The pedestrian walkway/edge heading north on Glanford has been left in worse shape (it ends in a mud hole).
- The bicycle lane on Glanford (north of McKenzie and on the east side of the road) ends in the middle of the street.
- Similarly, a less abrupt angle on the curb is needed at Mann Avenue on the east side as the bike lane ends too abruptly where it joins the street.
- The dashed road lines from Tillicum onto Carey need to have a bigger radius; there is too much paint and signage and the arc is too small for trucks to use.

- Separated bicycle infrastructure is needed; there is a paint buffer but the streets should have been designed for the intended speed. Cook Street is better because of the chicanes, and this should have been done for Tillicum as well.
- Committee members noted that they feel that engineering has improved considerably during the past few years

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Manager of Transportation and Development reported that they will be taking a staff report to Council on May 16, 2016 which will provide an outline of the Active Transportation Plan Terms of Reference, time frames and schedule. It will also include public consultation and a consultant will be hired to assist with the process. The Committee Chair requested that this item be added to the May meeting agenda.

LOCATION OF BICYCLE TRACKS AND ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

It was noted that roundabouts should be signed to indicate the correct lane for cyclists to use. With the recent death of a cyclist in Victoria, a discussion occurred about the location of bike lanes at intersections and the safest place to be as a cyclist when close to vehicles that can turn right on a red light. It was noted that the best design is where cyclists get their own phase of a traffic signal, as it does not permit vehicles to turn right until they have their own phase and a light. Also a stop line a couple of metres ahead of traffic could improve cyclist safety.

BICYCLE FESTIVAL

Feedback regarding the bicycle festival would be appreciated. It was noted that next year water stations could be available at the festival and at some of the gathering points. A station at the switch bridge would also be good.

ONGOING/UPCOMING ISSUES

Douglas Corridor Streetscape

Councillor Derman stated that a citizen/stakeholder committee has been selected, as has a consultant. He hopes to present to this committee early in the process to avoid mistake similar to the ones made during the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan process. There will be at least one Council check-in during the process and Councillor Derman will request that this committee receive regular reports on the progress as well. Concern has been expressed by businesses regarding cutting off some left and right turns along Douglas Street.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, May 19, 2016

Councillor Derman, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary