

MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday May 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Karen Harper (Chair), Brian Collier, Judy Gaylord, James Grayson, Rebecca Mersereau, Alex Nagelbach, Barb Sharpe, Anne Topp

Staff: Troy McKay, Acting Manager, Transportation & Development Services; David Williams, Engineering Supervisor, Transportation and Development Services; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Darrell Wick

Minutes

MOVED by J. Gaylord and Seconded by R. Mersereau: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held April 19, 2018, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that the item pertaining to construction zone way finding signage will be considered at an upcoming Council meeting. She also noted that she spoke with Councillor Brownoff about the bridge resurfacing and railing heights, and confirmed they will be built to the appropriate standards.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Acting Manager, Transportation & Development Services advised committee that bicycle signals at Quadra Street and Lochside trail should be operational in a few months. The Engineering Supervisor, Transportation & Development Services were present to provide an update on the Active Transportation Plan #MovingSaanichFwd. The following was noted:

- The final Plan will be presented to Council in the next month.
- Information on the number of events and surveys was provided. Two online surveys resulted in about 2,400 responses. About 2,800 people attended 33 public events.
- The plan process consists of five phases from winter 2017 to spring 2018.
- The overall plan purpose is to guide the development, promotion and implementation of safe, attractive and convenient active transportation options up to the year 2050.
- The framework is organized into four sections: looking at where we are now, where we want to be in 30 years, strategies on how we get there and how to implement and monitor the progress.
- One of the highest priorities that came out of the surveys is to address network expansion for sidewalks and bikes.
- They will look at prioritizing improvements for busy streets, transit routes, schools and community centres, parks, intersections, etc.
- As per comments from this committee, the plan now contains actions to look at exploring the 'woonerf' street, as well as maintaining an active transportation committee if the Council committee structure is reviewed in the future.

- There are 100 actions for staff across several departments. The focus as heard from input will be to look at busy streets, improve access to transit and schools, fill in any network gaps and upgrade sub-standard facilities.
- A slide was presented that revealed actions, timeframes, method of implementation, and departmental responsibility.
- Next steps is to finalize the Plan, publish it to the website for further public comment, include a press release and social media with this, and then present the final plan to Council in June 2018.

Committee asked questions of staff and the following responses were noted:

- Any feedback received will be given to Council as correspondence.
- There is no costing included as this is a policy-level document.
- The Shelbourne Street plan is integrated with this plan.
- The map of pedestrian improvement priorities was discussed. This document shows areas that are committed and upcoming in the short and medium term.
- Any concerns or comments should be sent to the Acting Manager, Transportation and Development Services.
- This is a policy level plan that will fit in with other plans that address traffic/transportation, such as the street network in the Official Community Plan, the Truck Route Bylaw, and the Transit Future Plan.
- The ATP does not include vehicle movements as the Capital Regional District has the Regional Transportation Plan for this.
- With the updates happening to the Local Area Plans, there will be ability to make changes to the ATP in the next 5 year update.
- Saanich works with schools on an Active and Safe Routes to School program. There is data on this program available.
- The ATP also helps staff to be ready to apply for grants and for other funding streams.
- Improvements will be integrated with other ongoing improvements to the water or sewer mains. Staff members try to coordinate projects as much as possible.

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

The Chair noted that many of the items listed on the May 18, 2017 minutes (circulated with the agenda) will be addressed via the Active Transportation Plan and the Local Area Plan process. Members discussed the following:

- There are issues with people driving over bicycle lanes. Question raised whether bumps or rumble strips could be installed as an option. Staff suggest that there are a few ways to mark lanes better; feel rumble strips are not safe.
- Street calming: it was noted that street sweepers must be able to maneuver on streets. **ACTION:** committee members to investigate the 'woonerf' street: what makes a good woonerf and what criteria the street should have. Suggestions of trial streets are welcome. Consultation would need to occur before a trial could happen.
- Suggestion made that during ICBC driver licensing test a cyclist could be in the car.
- Question raised on how to have dialogue with bus drivers; shared bus and bicycle lanes are a problem. Most conflicts are near bus stops because of poor design. Perhaps cyclists should be taken behind the bus stops. There will be conflict at Uptown for people heading out of town and getting onto trails.
- Question raised if BiPed can play a role in public education. Staff stated that this may be possible. Perhaps after its adoption staff and committee members can go through the ATP together.
- There is congestion on major trails. Need to discuss bike interaction and signage; can signs be painted on the road? Vancouver has figured it out; we could follow.

- The U-Bike program could be important in changing the culture. Suggestion to invite the people from the program to give a talk about how the program is doing and to maybe demonstrate how to use the app.

*** B. Sharpe left the meeting at 5:15 pm ***

In reply to a question about marking intersections staff noted that they follow international standards and they repaint when possible. The environmental standards have changed for paint and because of this the paint does not last as long.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, June 21, 2018.

Councillor Harper, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary