

MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Karen Harper (Chair), Judy Gaylord, James Grayson, Alex Nagelbach, Anne Topp, and Darrell Wick

Staff: Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Brian Collier, Rebecca Mersereau, Barb Sharpe

Guest: Jonathan Eades, Chair, Please Upgrade Sinclair Hill (PUSH)

Minutes

MOVED by J. Grayson and Seconded by J. Gaylord: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held May 17, 2018, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that the Active Transportation Plan has been adopted by Council. A brief conversation ensued and it was noted that the challenge will be to ensure that there is not disconnect between the Plan and zoning rules. The Local Area Plan reviews will be important as well.

The Chair also spoke to a presentation regarding sustainability at the University of Victoria called "One Planet" and she encouraged committee members to see the presentation if they have time.

SINCLAIR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

J. Eades presented information about concerns about pedestrian/cyclist safety on the Sinclair Road hill between the Cadboro Bay Village and University of Victoria (UVic). A number of photographs were circulated that demonstrates the need for improvements. It was noted that a number of people have fallen along part of the bank, and residents have taken it upon themselves to place plastic stones along the bank to assist walkers.

Concern was expressed that UVic plans to add a new residence that will accommodate 600 more students and that the amount of foot and cyclist traffic will increase.

The Shelbourne Street development has impacted the timeline for the Sinclair improvements and the members of PUSH would like Sinclair Road to be a priority. In addition to local and tourist traffic, Sinclair Road is also used for commercial vehicles.

Committee members discussed the issue with Mr. Eades and expressed support that Sinclair Road improvements are important. The question was raised whether the Local Area Plan review will include improvements to the road, and it was also noted that it would be useful in knowing what the overall plan is for the area.

Motion: MOVED by A. Topp and Seconded by D. Wick, “That the presentation from ‘Please Upgrade Sinclair Hill’ regarding the need for improvements on Sinclair Road be received.”

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by A. Topp and Seconded by A. Nagelbach, “That the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee requests that Engineering provide this committee with a copy of the 5-year Capital Plan for roads, bikeways and sidewalks.”

CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE

It was noted that the life expectancy of both the Brett and Swan Lake trestles is about 5-10 years. The Chair stated she will speak with Councillor Brownoff about the trestles and ask if someone from the Capital Regional District can attend a future meeting to provide information regarding the trestles.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Councillor Harper, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary