

**MINUTES**  
**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2**  
**Thursday February 21, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Brian Collier, Pat Danforth, Eric Doherty, Norman Gidney, Susan Kerr, Erin Prescott (4:30 pm), Darrell Wick, Jade Yehia (non-voting liaison)

Staff: Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Troy McKay, Manager, Transportation & Development Services; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Alex Nagelbach

---

**Minutes**

**MOVED by E. Doherty and Seconded by P. Danforth: “That the Minutes of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held January 17, 2019, be adopted as amended.”**

**CARRIED**

**REVIEW REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Committee members further discussed the Terms of Reference and a few minor edits were made. The Chair pointed out that this committee’s mandate includes addressing access to transit (eg. conditions on how to get to transit stops) and the Planning Transportation and Economic Development committee addresses transit as well. It will be important that the committees do no overlap their work when it comes to public transit.

In terms of membership, a youth liaison to the committee would be desirable and the UVic student union will be contacted in this regard.

**Motion: MOVED by D. Wick and Seconded by E. Doherty, “That the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee be forwarded to Council for approval.”**

**CARRIED**

**MODERNIZING THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT – COUNCIL MOTION UPDATE**

The Director of Engineering referenced a position paper of the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC which is endorsed by HUB Cycling Coalition regarding modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act. Staff provided further information and replied to questions from committee as noted:

- Recommendations that came out of UBCM last fall include setting the speed limit to 30 km/h for all roads in BC without a yellow centre line and allowing municipalities to lower their own default speed limits.
- While the province has said they are working on their own strategy, they have not made any commitments. They have put out a toolkit and are working on design guidelines.

- No information has been received regarding permitting scooters on bike lanes.
- Zero Vision Summit relates to the right to safe mobility and stands for zero traffic related injuries. The City of Surrey has a four-year plan in this regard.

It was pointed out that having good public transit can help in reducing health costs. The Island Health liaison advised that they have a clear stance on decreasing speed limits and noted that they put out a Motor Vehicle Collision report which can be shared with committee members.

Staff will continue to monitor this issue and will wait for a response from the province.

## **CLEAN BC – PROVINCIAL CLIMATE PLAN**

The Manager of Transportation & Development Services noted that Saanich is ready to move forward with its Climate Action Plan and that \$6M is earmarked by the province for the Clean BC program. In order to achieve the Clean BC goal and local government Climate Action Plans, the province will need to invest and work with local governments.

Committee discussed the investments made by European and other foreign governments towards active transportation and it was noted that investments here are significantly lower than the foreign counterparts.

**Motion:        MOVED by B. Collier and Seconded by N. Gidney, “The Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that Saanich Council write to the Premier and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy supporting the Clean BC Plan, and request a per capita investment towards the higher end of those identified in the Clean BC Plan at the local government level, to expedite investments in the District’s Active Transportation Plan;**

**That the District of Saanich is ready to accelerate the implementation of our approved Active Transportation Plan to make efficient use of any new funding opportunities; and,**

**That District of Saanich staff be included as members of the technical working groups.”**

**CARRIED**

It was noted that a provincial media release came out regarding a new Vancouver Island Transportation Strategy. The release was very broad and all the actions seemed to be about the Malahat. Members agreed that the province needs to look at the entire mobility system of the island, rather than just focus on the Malahat and also could include a tie-in with the Clean BC Strategy.

**Motion:        MOVED by E. Doherty and Seconded by B. Collier, “The Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that Saanich Council write to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure supporting the initiative to create a Provincial Southern Vancouver Island Transportation Strategy (SVITS);**

**That the provincial SVITS be developed in harmony with the Clean BC Plan;**

**That the mode share targets of the District of Saanich and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission be given priority in the Plan;**

**That District of Saanich be included as a stakeholder in the development of this strategy; and,**

**That District of Saanich staff be included as members of any technical working groups.”**

**CARRIED**

## **PATHWAY LIGHTING**

Committee members discussed the trail network and multi-use trails, and it was noted that there is no reference to trail lighting in the Active Transportation Plan. The following comments were made:

- The trail in the area of Cedar Hill Golf Course should be a priority as persons of all ages and abilities use the trail.
- Trails in the past were not thought of as part of the network and lights were excluded to prevent commuter traffic.
- Some trails are now identified as part of the network so improvements can be done.
- Staff are starting to look at building in some lighting infrastructure in the golf course area. There has been a resistance to include cycling in the clubhouse area but now this is an east/west connector and needs upgrades.
- The Engineering and Parks departments are working on various styles and types of lights; solar is desirable as an easy install and it was also noted that LED lights focus very well.
- A representative from the Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks will be invited to the next meeting to discuss their plans for the regional trails.
- Trail separation would be beneficial on some trails.

Committee members were asked to submit suggestions to staff about trails that would benefit from the installation of lights.

## **TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The Manager of Transportation & Development Services provided information on the Transportation Capital Budget and he answered questions of committee. The following comments were noted:

- Capital investments include infrastructure replacement and restoration as well as new construction (eg. bridges).
- Council and corporate policies that guide transportation include the Official Community Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Active Transportation Plan. The guiding principles of these plans encourage walking, cycling and public transit as the preferred transportation options; ensure safe and active routes to schools, and ensure infrastructure maintenance occurs.
- Grant funding comes from the Strategic Priority Fund, Bike BC, and ICBC.
- Approximately \$10M is for managing the transportation network with reconstructing sidewalks, upgrading curb ramps, repaving streets, replacing a traffic signal and a bridge.
- Engineering staff ensure that projects coordinate really well with Public Works so above-ground and underground work can be done at the same time.
- Development cost charges is very helpful for positive land use changes and frontage improvements.

- Information was provided about 2018 projects that are just finishing up and the 2019 major projects that are scheduled to occur.
- Phase 1 of the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan is from McKenzie to the Mount Douglas Market at Torquay. There is a lot of underground work to do and this will likely go to tender soon with work to start in the fall. It should take about 10 months to complete this phase.
- This year there are about 35 corner ramps to be upgraded (there are over 300 in total to be done). Over the next seven years about 9,000 streetlights are being replaced with LED bulbs.
- Staff will be working towards having more consistent signs and paint markings at intersections as at this point there are five different styles being used.
- A snapshot of all capital projects will be post on the Saanich website in the next week. This is published annually.

Staff noted that many priorities are listed at the back of the Active Transportation Plan. In terms of separation on trails, they are dependent upon the amount of space available and they need to meet design standards. It was noted that the University of Victoria has a new cycling plan available online which shows separated paths coming in, and shared space near the circle.

#### **ADOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

---

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

---

Committee Secretary