

**MINUTES**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**June 19, 2014 at Noon**

Present: Councillor Vic Derman (Chair), David DeShane, Judy Gaylord, James Grayson, Paige MacWilliam, Corey Newcomb, Ray Straatsma

Staff: Mike Lai, Manager of Transportation; Garry Darrah, Parks Planning and Design Manager; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Darrell Wick

Guest: Jennifer Black, Active Transportation Program Manager, Capital Regional District

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### Minutes

**MOVED by J. Grayson and Seconded by C. Newcomb: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held May 15, 2014, be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair stated that this is the last meeting for committee member Paige MacWilliam, as she is moving out of the municipality. Ms. MacWilliam was thanked for her service.

The Chair also provided an update with regards to the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan, which recently went to Council and will go to a future Public Hearing. He expressed concern at the Council meeting about the lack of an implementation plan, and suggested that the Hearing should not occur until staff can look at when the Plan can be implemented. With the upcoming municipal election, there may not be a Public Hearing until the New Year.

It was suggested that information be provided to committee members on road dieting (eg. False Creek and Coal Harbour area) as a future agenda item.

### WAYFINDING UNDER THE CRD'S PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Jennifer Black, Active Transportation Program Manager, Capital Regional District (CRD), presented information regarding draft 1 of the CRD Bicycle Wayfinding Guidelines. The presentation included information on the need for the guidelines, the objectives, Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP) implementation project context, the engagement process, the scope of the work, guidelines and templates, implementation process and key points. She noted that there will be \$60,000 made available to share between municipalities to help with signage costs.

Committee members provided feedback and the following was noted:

- Regarding regional destinations for utility cycling: the biggest destination is the University of Victoria which is not noted. Sooke and Metchosin are shown as major destinations, which seems wrong.

- It was suggested that units of measurement as well as names of route markers should be added to signs.
- The question was raised whether there will be any maps in the document; the maps should include topography lines. Also considering having neighbourhood maps on the trails for reference.
- The idea of creating smart phone apps and neighbourhood QR codes was raised as was the idea of working with BC Transit and including a transit app.
- Concern was expressed that the signs should be made of reflective materials. The visual centering of signs is important. Regionally consistent signage is important.
- Signs that are not necessary should be removed. The Lochside trail area that goes from trail to road is confusing.
- It was suggested that Metro Vancouver signs would be a good model.

Comments can be sent to the Capital Regional District directly up until mid-July.

### **CYCLING PRIORITIES**

The Chair noted that this item is not as critical as the pedestrian priorities item because the Engineering Department intends to review the cycling network. This item will be discussed at a future meeting, possibly as a single topic for the entire meeting.

In response to a question, the Manager of Transportation stated that a review of maps is intended to identify gaps in the system (eg. the east-west gap to UVic). It is not yet known if a master cycling plan is needed. This is a big project and staff will be considering a variety of factors. The Parks and Engineering Departments have discussed looking at the plan together.

### **COOK STREET COMPLETE STREETS**

The Manager of Transportation provided an update; staff are still trying to sort out the Cook Street/Quadra Street intersection. Multiple comments have been received and an update will be given to this committee when there is something to report. There is a tender out that closes in July and the ground work should start in August and be finished in the spring.

There was a division of opinion with regard to accommodating beginner cyclists versus advanced cyclists at this intersection.

### **WILKINSON ROAD – INTERURBAN TO CHERRY ROAD SIDEWALKS AND BIKE LANES**

In response to a question, the Manager of Transportation confirmed that sidewalks were put on the north side of the road only because it was tied to a subdivision granted on Cherry Road. In time, the intent is to install sidewalks on the other side of the street.

### **BICYCLE FRIENDLY CONTROL FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT BLAIR AND SHELBOURNE**

In response to a comment that a link to the trail at Blair Street is desirable, the Manager of Transportation stated that staff will have a look at this area more closely; it may be that a ½ post push button and elephant feet could be added to this area.

The Chair requested that this item be noted as an ongoing action item

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2014

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Councillor Derman, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary