

MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
March 19, 2015 at Noon

Present: Councillor Vic Derman (Chair), Dan Casey, David DeShane, Judy Gaylord, James Grayson, Rebecca Mersereau, Corey Newcomb, and Darrell Wick

Staff: Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering (12:20 p.m.); Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Steve Holroyd, Engineering Planner/Designer; Gary Darrah, Parks Planning and Design Manager; Murray Walker, Engineering Technician; Andrea Park, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Ray Straatsma

Guest: L. Lane, Gordon Head resident

Minutes

MOVED by J. Grayson and Seconded by R. Mersereau: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held February 19, 2015, be adopted."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair updated the Committee on the following:

- the status of the CRD Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan and Wayfinding Guidelines advising that there will be a further opportunity for input in April;
- that Council recently approved the Development Permit for a Whole Foods store at Uptown;
- possible improvements to the streetscape around Uptown; and
- the status of planned bicycle and pedestrian connections to Uptown.

Discussion occurred and the Committee members agreed that a future BIPED meeting could be scheduled to commence at 11:30 am to allow members to walk the Uptown site together and consider the nature of the cycling and pedestrian environments around Uptown and their connections to the site.

The Chair agreed to approach the Capital Regional District regarding paving the Blenkinsop Valley section of the Lochside trail.

Mr. Holroyd agreed to look at pavement markings and pavement condition in relation to bike travel on Chatterton way south of Royal Oak Drive and to provide further information on a cross bridge connection related to the Mann Avenue upgrade.

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR PLANS

The Engineering Planner/Designer provided highlights from the 2015 Capital Works Guide which is available to the public on the Saanich website. The Director of Engineering advised that before considering publishing a five year capital works plan, extensive public consultation would be necessary.

The Parks Planning and Design Manager presented the Parks projects for 2015 which will offer pedestrian and/or cycling amenities.

The Manager of Community Planning highlighted the two major projects for 2015 – the development of the Uptown/Douglas Corridor Action Plan and the updating of all Saanich Local Area Plans.

Questions from the Committee were considered and discussed.

WARRANT ANALYSIS PROCESS

The Engineering Technician presented an overview of the Pedestrian Crossing Control – Warrant Analysis Process in a document dated March 19, 2015 and responded to questions from the Committee. He explained that the Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for BC sets the standards for BC municipalities.

UPDATE - SETTING SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITIES FOR SAANICH

Earlier report dated Feb. 20, 2014 from BIPED was circulated.

UPDATE - SETTING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES FOR SAANICH

Earlier report dated November 27, 2014 from BIPED was circulated.

The Director of Engineering commented that there is not one document that drives the work of the Engineering Department– many different plans now provide guidance. He would appreciate a planning document that provided guidance for the next 25 years, which could be refreshed every four years, as this could become the overall driving document for capital projects. In this regard, integration between transportation planning and land use planning will be key.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Councillor Derman, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary