

**MINUTES**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2**  
**Thursday October 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Atwell (Chair), Brian Collier, Judy Gaylord, James Grayson, Rebecca Mersereau, Alex Nagelbach, Anne Topp, and Darrell Wick

Staff: Troy McKay, Acting Manager, Transportation & Development; David Williams, Engineering Supervisor; Mike Goldsworthy, Park Planner Designer; Police Sgt. Andy Stuart; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Barb Sharpe

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**Minutes**

**MOVED by B. Collier and Seconded by J. Grayson: "That the Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee meeting held May 18, 2017, be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DRAFT**

The Acting Manager of Transportation and Development, introduced the new Engineering Supervisor and presented high-level information regarding the Active Transportation Plan (#MovingSaanichFWD). Information included a revised vision, goals, targets; connections, convenience and culture themes along with the strategies surrounding these themes; public engagement and deliverables, and the next steps. After input is reviewed and the draft Plan is refined, it is hoped that the final Plan will be adopted and implemented in the spring of 2018.

The following committee comments and responses to comments are noted:

- Suggestion was made that terminology such as biker vs cyclist be more consistent.
- The focus is connecting sidewalks in centres and villages rather than outer areas.
- Concern was expressed that in areas such as Commerce Circle, there are already parking issues and overflow into the neighbourhood.
- Connecting centres and villages is a focus and in keeping with the OCP.
- Committee members were asked to look at the proposed cycling network and inform staff of any connections that do not work.
- It would be good to look beyond Saanich's borders and communicate with adjacent municipalities regarding the network.
- The Interurban Rail Trail should be capitalized on as it is a well-used route.
- People using the network should feel safe while travelling.
- A communication strategy may be a good idea, considering the discontent heard about the bike lanes in the City of Victoria. This could be good in helping with many of the misconceptions out there.

\*\*\* D. Williams left the meeting at 4:50 pm \*\*\*

## **MAKING RESIDENTIAL STREETS SHARED SPACES**

Committee discussed the concept of making streets usable by everyone (eg. where people can play on the street) as opposed to being focused on autos, by reducing speed limits and calming traffic. It was suggested that neighbourhoods in the UVic local connector area would be ideal for this type of street. Examples of successful shared streets in other areas of Canada and in Europe were given, and it was also noted that one-way streets help with reducing cut-through traffic in residential neighbourhoods.

The Acting Manager of Transportation and Development, noted that:

- The street type (eg. collector, major, local) is an important consideration.
- Pedestrian volume would be needed to make it feasible.
- Traffic diversion and making more shared spaces is doable; this was done well in Vancouver on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- The Plan has lots of strategies with this theme. Suggested that committee members look through the Plan first and then strategies/modifications can be discussed after.

**Motion: MOVED by D. Wick and Seconded by B. Collier, “That the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee recommends that staff include the exploration of implementation options of a woonerf (shared) street in the appropriate section of the Active Transportation Plan.”**

**CARRIED**

Members were encouraged to participate in the on-line #MovingSaanichFWD survey, available until December 8, 2017.

## **STAFF CONTACT FOR CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ISSUES**

In response to the comment that it would be good to have a specific staff member who coordinates of cycling/pedestrian issues, the Acting Manager of Transportation and Development stated that either himself or the Director of Engineering attends most meetings, and that the volume of calls is too high to have one person be responsible for all the cycling and pedestrian issues. Committee members were advised that it is best to contact Engineering directly with specific site related inquiries. Contact can be made via email at [engineering@saanich.ca](mailto:engineering@saanich.ca).

The Chair requested information regarding staff support for all advisory committees.

## **CYCLING FESTIVAL REPORT**

D. Wick reported that the festival was successful despite inclement weather and construction issues. Feedback is that people like Saanich Hall as a venue, however the closing of Shelbourne Street for this event is also a very popular idea. It was suggested that perhaps the event could be held on Shelbourne Street every few years.

This event to be further planned and discussed in January 2018.

## **BIKE THEFT / RECOVERY / REGISTRATION**

Information was provided about companies that provide the service of registering bicycles and/or creating asset tags that go on your bike. Cyclists can register their bike and if it is stolen and recovered, the tag can be scanned and the owner found.

The Police liaison reported that they do not have a bicycle theft program in place at this time, but have recommended that bicycle shops encourage customers to register their bicycles (and know their serial numbers) for the national database.

It was suggested that awareness of this issue could be raised at the bicycle festival.

### **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

The Chair reported on the response from the Capital Regional District (CRD) regarding the conveyance route from the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Residuals Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill. CRD representatives attended the last Council meeting and provided a map of the conveyance route.

Committee members commented on the finished surface, which should be recycled asphalt, as well as the need for public engagement.

**Motion: MOVED by R. Mersereau and Seconded by A. Nagelbach, "That the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee recommends that staff communicate with the Capital Regional District to ensure that after the sewage conveyance pipeline is installed, the resurfacing of the Interurban Rail Trail is done in accordance with best practices for multi-use trails."**

**CARRIED**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2017

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Mayor Atwell, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary