

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Committee Room 2, Saanich Municipal Hall & MS Teams
Wednesday, June 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Teale Phelps Bondaroff (Chair), Trevor Barry, Rachel Corder, Andrea Glen, Georgia Myles, Douglas Pascoe, Colin Stepney

Staff: Amber Walker, Planner, Community Planning; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner, Engineering; Kirsten Brazier, Senior Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Alexandre Beaubien, Janine Konkel

CHAIRS REMARKS

Councillor Phelps Bondaroff welcomed the committee and guests.

- At the past Council meeting a resolution that began at the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was adopted and will be sent forward to UBCM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by T. Barry and D. Pascoe: “That the minutes of the May 24, 2023, Active Transportation and Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Community Planning staff delivered a presentation on the Official Community Plan (OCP) update.

- The OCP is the primary document that guides growth and change in Saanich.
- It is legally binding and needs to be consistent with the CRD Regional Growth Strategy.
- An update is needed to ensure the plan is relevant and builds on recent Council work, integrates new demographics, refines the sustainability framework, strengthens monitoring and implementation, and incorporates new policies.
- Phase Two is wrapping up and Phase Three (Plan Adoption) will take place this fall.
- Centres and villages have been more clearly mapped.
- “Hubs” have been added to support the 15-minute community concept.
- The long-term goal is to have homes within the Urban Containment Boundary within a 15-minute walk of key amenities.
- The OCP looks to accommodate new development in primary growth areas, creating centers and villages supported by transit corridors.
- The plan looks to provide housing opportunities for all stages of life. This includes a mix of ground-oriented and low-rise houseplexes, apartments, and townhouses offering different tenure types and affordability levels.

Transportation Considerations in the OCP Update

- The update reinforces link between land use and transportation planning, and pulls together policy direction to support the targets identified in the Climate Plan and Active Transportation Plan.
- The update aims to integrate travel modes with low to zero carbon emissions per person. These include public transit, electric car-share programs, electric micro mobility, and active transportation.

- Transportation objectives include:
 - Integrate land use and transportation planning.
 - Prioritize walking, cycling, public transit, and the movement of goods.
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting transportation off fossil fuels to sustainable transportation options.
 - Eliminate all traffic related fatalities and serious injuries.
 - Reduce total vehicle kilometers travelled in Saanich
- The update will look at Transportation Demand Management to develop strategies to make the network more efficient.
- An update to modernize parking standards to reflect different forms of housing has been included.
- Staff are working on reviewing the parking regulations that align with Zoning Bylaw.
- The survey is open for feedback until June 30th.

Committee Discussion

- Secondary suites and garden suites have the same requirement of one parking stall. Garden Suites are captured under the Zoning Bylaw.
- Hubs that are not identified in the OCP are limited to the transportation options that are available in their area. New hubs and villages will be identified as the plan rolls out. There is some acceleration taking place with the timeline in this area.
- Transitioning from gas to electric vehicles does not eliminate the need to park.
- Transportation improvements in the villages (e.g., Cordova Bay and Cadboro Bay) will take place along with new developments.
- Transit is looking at a park and ride and the establishment of a rapid bus corridor on the Peninsula.
- An equity lens has been applied to the OCP update. Diversity of housing stock is being encouraged.
- Transit stops are the point of intersection between Saanich and BC Transit. Saanich is responsible for infrastructure up until the transit stop (e.g., the shelter, bench, garbage). Some stops fall under the responsibility of transit. The bus service itself is run by BC Transit. Transit is interested to know where we predict the demand for use will increase as development takes place.
- The CRD is in the process of creating a Regional Transportation Commission.
- A committee presentation on transit is on the list for the fall.

ACTION LIST DISCUSSION

Councillor Phelps Bondaroff lead an overview of the TAC Action List. The following areas were discussed in further detail.

- Areas of equity deserving groups that are in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) are based on data from the census. A list of criteria can be found in the ATP. If committee members have suggestions regarding the implementation and monitoring of the ATP, staff would be happy to receive them. A presentation will be requested from staff.
- A presentation from staff has been requested on exploring the snow clearing policy from an equity lens.
- A working group on parking may be established in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Councillor Phelps Bondaroff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Kirsten Brazier, Committee Secretary