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Minutes of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

April 8, 2024, 2:00 PM
Video Conference

Voting Members: C. Ameli
K. Burns
P. Jongbloed
E. O'Melinn
C. Murphy
N. Vranic

Council Liaisons: Councillor A. Evans

Regrets: J. Barnes
B. McCain
Councillor M. Hayes (Alternate)

Staff: S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations
A. Seed, Engineering Technologist
A. Torres, Manager of Engineering & Facilities (Chair)

Recording Clerk: T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Torres, Manager of Engineering & Facilities, acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the icy (Katzie) First Nation.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was general consent amongst the Committee to approve the April 8, 2024 Active Transportation Advisory Committee agenda as circulated.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There was general consent amongst the committee to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting as circulated.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **Statistics Update (10 Minutes)**

A. Seed, Engineering Technologist provided a presentation on the statistics updates on traffic accidents, bicycle safety and pedestrian safety in the community based on data received from ICBC forming a part of the minutes as **Attachment 1.**

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion with the following main themes discussed:

- A question was raised around where the data came from and why there is a delay in reporting (Staff confirmed that statistics were provided by ICBC and there is typically a delay in reporting);
- The question was raised whether statistics including pedestrians includes people with accessibility challenges, using mobility devices, and or scooters etc. (Staff confirmed that yes, the statistics included in the pedestrian data include people using mobility devices); and
- A question was raised requesting details around the specific modifications made to the intersection at Harris Road and Hammond Road to improve safety in the intersection (Staff confirmed the addition of an advanced green for drivers going south on Harris Road, the installation of leading pedestrian intervals as well as timing changes to the lights).

5.2 **Golden Ears Business Park Development (GEBP) - Active Transportation Update (10 Minutes)**

A. Torres, Manager of Engineering & Facilities provided an overview of the improvements made on GEBP dev. which included a summary of the

improvements made in conjunction with the development forming a part of the minutes as **Attachment 2**.

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion including the following themes:

- Questions were raised around specific Multi-Use Path's (MUP's) around the GEBP development regarding which ones were fully operational and which ones were still waiting on work to be completed;
- A recommendation was made to expedite as many MUP's as possible in an effort to encourage use from residents who would be attending Pitt Meadows Day 2024 which is to be held at the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park (Staff confirmed that the midblock crossing on Airport Way between Harris Road and Bonson Road is likely to be fully operational by Pitt Meadows Day; however, it is unlikely that the MUPs on the north side of Airport Way & the Athletic Park fields and the MUP on the south side of Airport Way east of the midblock crossing & Bonson Road would be ready to be opened to the public, as more work needs to be done);
- Gratitude was shared for the addition of the MUP's throughout the GEBP and the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park which has increased safety and accessibility for the community;
- A recommendation was made to review the sidewalk at the intersection of Airport Way and Bonson Road travelling northbound as cyclists need to dismount to cross intersection;
- A suggestion was made for staff to review speed zone signage on Fraser Way as it was identified that there is only signage one way and should be added for vehicles travelling in both directions;
- Support was given for the addition of green paint used to identify bike lanes on various intersections on Harris Road, however it was noted that there were some areas that were incomplete (Staff confirmed that the painting is weather dependant and these intersections will be completed as weather permits);
- A recommendation was made for updated signage to help identify the old MUP (Trans Canada Trail) between Bonson Road and Southgate to encourage use by cyclists and pedestrians;

- A recommendation was made around promoting cycling and walking to Pitt Meadows Day which could include information on how to ride your bike safely around town and to the event (Staff confirmed that the City will launch an Active Transportation social media campaign in May which will include these recommendations); and
- A recommendation was made for the addition of more greenery and trees to provide shade for users on the newly added MUP's around the GEBP.

5.3 Update on Grant Applications (10 Minutes)

A. Seed, Engineering Technologist provided a presentation on the current grant applications the City has applied for or is applying for forming a part of the minutes as **Attachment 3**.

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion w/ the following main themes discussed:

- Support was given for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the Silver Bridge;
- A question was raised on the reasoning behind the city not applying for the Provincial BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant (Staff confirmed that the City was not eligible for that particular grant and we had already received a grant that funded part of the Active Transportation Network Review);
- The question was raised around whether the committee would be able to provide feedback to staff regarding priorities for future grant applications (Staff confirmed that this is done each year); and
- A question was raised around the Harris Road Complete Street Feasibility Study which still has two outstanding grants pending and what the plan would be if funding was not approved (Staff mentioned that they think the probability of receiving funding for these two grants was good; however, if unsuccessful, staff would use the ATAC budget this year, partial DCC funding, as well as some from next year to begin working on the project).

5.4 Project Priority Tracker (15 Minutes)

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations provided an update on the ATAC Project Priorities tracker forming a part of the minutes as **Attachment 4**.

The Committee participated in a discussion with the following main themes noted:

- A question was raised around the installation of a RRFB at Airport Way and Baynes Road and whether there would be any changes made to this crosswalk in response to the new rezoning proposal at YPK (Staff confirmed that there are plans on modifying the crosswalk to ensure vehicles are not backing into an area where pedestrians/cyclists are potentially crossing).

5.5 Action Item Tracker (10 Minutes)

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided an update on the ATAC Action Item Tracker. Main themes discussed have been added to **Attachment 5** and forms a part of the minutes.

5.6 Annual Committee Presentation to the Engagement & Priorities Committee (EPC) (5 Minutes)

A. Torres, Manager of Engineering & Facilities requested a committee member volunteer to provide the presentation at the July 16, 2024 Engagement and Priorities Committee (EPC) meeting on behalf of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

- Committee member C. Ameli volunteered to provide the presentation to the EPC; Staff to distribute PowerPoint template and some suggestions for consideration.

6. ROUNDTABLE

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion. There were no formal motions or recommendations put forward.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.

The next *Active Transportation Advisory Committee* Meeting is scheduled for **June 10, 2024 at 2:00 PM.**

Certified as correct:

Tatiana McCaw, Committee Clerk II