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MINUTES of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference.

PRESENT:

Voting Members:

J. Barnes
H. Escaravage
R. Gaspar
R. Harmston
N. Jensen
P. Jongbloed (Chair)
A. Keizer
G. Kirkland*
A. Ramji

Council Liaison:

Councillor Hayes

Staff:

S. Ahrabian, Manager of Engineering and Facilities
S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations
A. Seed, Engineering Technician

Regrets:

Councillor Miyashita

Recording Clerk:

T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agenda for the February 8, 2021 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 9, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Membership Expiration and 2021 Committee Recruitment Campaign**

T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II, provided an update on the 2021 recruitment process for members who have expiring terms. Highlights included:

- 2021 Recruitment Campaign open from January 29th – February 28, 2021;
- Promotion will be through areas such as social media campaign, local newspaper, and Harris Road Banner; and
- Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.pittmeadows.ca/city-hall/committees/committee-application-form>.

(2) **Update on Action Item Tracker**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided a verbal update on the ATAC Action Item Tracker with the detailed updates included in the agenda package for today's meeting.

(3) **Update on 2021 Project List**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided an update on details on the ATAC Project List where all detailed updates were included in today's agenda package. Of note, the current cost estimates for the work outlined in 2021 exceeds the budget. Various grants have been applied for and staff will continue to seek out additional grant opportunities. Depending on the tender pricing received for some of these projects and the grants obtained, some work may need to be re-prioritized or postponed to 2022.

(4) **Grants and Associated Applications**

A. Seed, Engineering Technician, provided a presentation on TransLink grant applications the City has applied for regarding crossings on McMyn Road, Ford Road and Baynes Road, Baynes Road and Airport Way as well as the RRFB at Davison Road and 192a Street forming a part of the original minutes as **Attachment 1**.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- A. Supports the TransLink grant applications for the following improvements:
- i. The addition of two new crossings on McMyn Road;
 - ii. The addition of two new marked pedestrian crossings on Ford Road and Baynes Road;
 - iii. The addition of an improved marked crossing on Airport Way and Baynes Road; and
 - iv. The addition of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Davison Road and 192a Street.

CARRIED.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- A. Support the applications to ICBC's grant program for funding in support of crossings improvements to the South Alouette Bridge.

CARRIED.

(5) **Traffic Operations Safety Review – Harris Road/McMyn Road & Harris Rd/122nd Avenue**

A. Seed, Engineering Technician, provided an overview of the recently completed Traffic Operations Safety Review recommendations by WATT Consulting Group forming a part of the original minutes as **Attachment 2**.

Following the presentation, the Committee took part in a discussion with the following main themes noted regarding Harris Road and McMyn Road:

- Support for staff's recommendation to maintain bollards on the intersection of Harris Road and McMyn Road, contrary to the study;
- Support for the curb extension at McMyn Road and 191 St;
- The necessity of the loading zones on the north side of McMyn Road (*Staff noted that the City has a shortage of loading zones which are needed for local businesses*);
- Concerns that loading zones reduce the accessibility for cyclists; however, infrequent conflicts (*Staff noted that the intention would be for users to travel west on McMyn to 191 St and then travel south along the neighbourhood bikeway*);

- Potential of recessing sidewalk slightly north to provide more width for loading zone (*Staff noted conflicts with existing hydro poles*);
- Concerns around the proposed left turn only lane east on McMyn Road;
- Recommendations in the study should not be vehicle-focused and more consideration of active transportation is needed;
- Support for future review of Harris Rd bike lanes and available options to increase the width; and
- Recommendation was made to remove parking on McMyn Road on the NW corner of 191B St to improve sightlines.

The Committee took part in a discussion with the following main themes noted regarding the recommendations for Harris Road and 122nd Avenue:

- Removal of parking spaces on 122a Avenue would create further challenges for existing businesses;
- Concerns with Fire Hall construction and increased traffic in this area (*Staff noted, long term there will be no changes to 122a in regards to access, width and parking for the Fire Hall*);
- Recommendation to review park entrances to align with the proposed new location of the crosswalk on the west leg of 122 Ave and 191B St. Concern with existing crosswalk layout on east and south leg and misalignment with letdown mentioned;
- Concerns removing foliage would result in an increase of speeding vehicles in this area;
- Not in support of the proposed curb extension on 122 Ave as it would reduce room for cyclists; and
- Proposed crosswalk location needs to be reviewed as it is in the middle of a transit location and a timing stop.

(6) **Active Transportation Designs for McMyn Road Crossings**

S. Arabian, Manager of Engineering and Facilities, provided an overview of the proposed recommendations for the addition of two pedestrian crossings on McMyn Road, which were attached to today's agenda.

Following the presentation, the Committee took part in a discussion with the following main themes noted:

- Support for curb extensions and pedestrian safety;
- Pedestrian/cyclist visibility and parking concerns were raised in regards to the addition of the crosswalk (*Staff noted, at this time, the City has no intention to change any parking in this area besides in the location of the curb extensions. Visibility is taken into account during design*);

- The question was raised as to whether there was consideration to adding a crosswalk further west closer to 191B St (*Staff noted the consultant saw this location as the most suitable crosswalk location for this area due to usage and complexities with existing layout of 191 St/McMyn Rd*); and
- Clarification around how cyclists are to cross the road at a crossing with elephant feet (*Staff noted there would be signage to provide guidance and intention is for cyclists to enter/exit MacLean Park, use crosswalk/letdown and transition to neighbourhood bikeway on McMyn Rd*).

(7) **2021 Work Plan**

S. Ahrabian, Manager of Engineering and Facilities, presented the draft 2021 ATAC Work Plan which was attached to today's agenda.

- It was identified that this Work Plan will be added as a standing agenda item and become a workable list for the members to add and remove items should they see fit.

(8) **North Bonson & Loughheed Highway – Addition of Wheelchair Accessible Ramp**

G. Kirkland spoke to concerns around wheelchair access from north Bonson Road to the Loughheed Highway Trail stating that there is a significant curb preventing easy access to and from the trail.

- Staff noted this item will be added to the 2021 ATAC Project List for completion this year.

(9) **Proposed CP Logistics Park and the Impacts on the Kennedy Road Overpass**

P. Jongbloed discussed concerns regarding the proposed CP Logistics Park and the impacts on the Kennedy Road Overpass.

* G. Kirkland left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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

- Concerns around connectivity of the overpass on to Ferry Slip Road and Kennedy Road south over the Katzie slough;
- Concerns that the feedback provided by ATAC at the Sept 2020 meeting supporting the Kennedy Overpass was prior to

announcement of a CP Logistics Park and more information is needed on the impacts;

- Concerns around increased truck traffic in the area as a result of this project;
- Concerns around the storing of hazardous materials in the community;
- Staff noted that in addition to the concerns raised by the ATAC; there are a lot of potential impacts of this CP project and further information is needed; and
- Staff noted more information to come regarding the Kennedy Overpass project prior to the next ATAC in April.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT:

- A. the previous advice provided by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee regarding support for the Kennedy Road overpass was without knowledge and information of the CP Logistics Park; further information on the associated impacts are needed prior to any support from the Committee.

CARRIED.

(10) **Multi-Use Pathway Connection to Wharf Street**

P. Jongbloed spoke to the idea of the addition of a MUP south of Airport Way to connect to Wharf Street once Metro Vancouver's new sewer line project has been completed. The Committee took part in a discussion with the following main themes noted:

- Land ownership, boundaries and location of the sewer line;
- There was support for the idea to connect the MUP on Wharf Street to increase connectivity;
- Staff mentioned that there are ongoing discussions with Maple Ridge staff for a trail connection as part of a potential future development; and
- Committee requested that staff look into further and it be discussed at the next committee meeting.

6. ROUND TABLE

The committee engaged in a round table discussion. There were no motions or recommendations put forward.

7. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of opportunity for connectivity of MUP on Wharf Street.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** the meeting be adjourned at 9: 06 p.m.

CARRIED.

*The next meeting for the **Active Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting is set for **April 12, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.*