



MINUTES of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 8, 2020 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

Staff:

K. Barchard, Manager of Administrative Services
S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations
A. Seed, Engineering Technologist

Council Liaison:

Councillor Miyashita

Regrets:

Councillor Hayes

Secretary:

T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**H. Escaravage & R. Gaspar joined the meeting 7:04 p.m.*

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the June 8, 2020 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 18, 2019 and on February 10, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Annual Committee Training

K. Barchard, provided the annual committee training session to the members of the ATAC.

** K. Barchard left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.*

(2) Update on Past Action Items

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided a verbal update on Action Items. Highlights Included:

- Installation of crosswalk and relocation of stop bar and stop sign at west leg of Fraser Way & Bonson Road intersection has been completed;
- Staff connected with BC Earth Exchange regarding concerns around idling trucks on Bonson and they will be keeping a record of all trucks that are coming early and are given warnings to the drivers. Increased daily cleanings are also be completed and monitored;
- Staff has reached out to the Province regarding the gate post at the Pitt Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Area which was previously identified for widening to make it more accessible. Staff has yet to hear back from the Province on this;
- Snow clearing on Bonson Road – the multiuse path on the west side of the road from Sutton Ave to Fraser Way is the City's responsibility; annually Bylaws reaches out to SD42 reminding them of the areas they are responsible for shoveling as well;
- ATAC's involvement with Pitt Meadows Day will be revisited next year; and
- Parks Department is responsible for pruning the boulevard trees and north embankment at the east end of Hammond Rd; Operations Department is responsible for the boulevard tree cutting on the

south side of the road and work will be coordinating shortly, if not already.

(3) **Project Update & Budget Revisions**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided an update on the project list and budget revisions which forms a part of the original minutes as **Attachment 1**. Highlights included:

- The Committee would like to expand cycling education from two local schools to four during the next school year as the current school year was impacted by COVID-19; and
- Due to financial impacts caused by COVID-19 and to help support the Residential Grant Relief Program, staff reviewed the 2020 Capital budgets which resulted in a \$22,000 reduction in the 2020 Active Transportation Budget. There is still quite a bit of carry over from the previous year, so the revised 2020 budget is \$154,400. As of May 2020, \$47,000 has been spent. The projects identified for 2020 exceed the current remaining funds (\$107,000) and staff suggested deferral of a few items.

(4) **Underpass/Overpass Update**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided an update on current underpass/overpass project. Highlights included:

- Project is currently running behind schedule and preliminary design is ongoing;
- A project update is anticipated at a upcoming Council meeting and community engagement in July;
- Staff re-iterated that much of the community feedback is related to noise and vibration concerns and potential mitigation options;
- Staff noted that CP has guidelines and regulations that they are required to follow; and
- Concern raised around vehicles idling while waiting for trains.

(5) **Airport Way – Golden Ears Roundabout Discussion**

The Committee discussed the Golden Ears roundabout. Highlights included:

- Timeline for Airport Way widening completion is significantly less than originally anticipated;
- City is in ongoing conversations with Onni; and
- The final design has not been determined.

The Committee participated in further discussions and highlights included:

- Gravel shoulder discussions will be deferred to the next meeting;
- Adding this item to the ATAC project list;
- Termination of bike lane on approach to roundabout and possibility of widening the sidewalk in this roundabout to accommodate cyclists or directing cyclists to current sidewalk;
- There was general consent amongst the Committee for Staff to look into a recommendation towards an advisory “cyclist dismount” sign at the Golden Ears roundabout. Should this signage be possible, Staff is recommended to move forward with the installation otherwise return to the Committee for feedback.

** G. Kirkland left the meeting 8:48 p.m.*

(6) **Update on Partner Funding**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided an update on partner funding. Highlights included:

- Awaiting feedback on grant funding for Bike Network Review, audibles and bicycle push buttons which could total up to \$100,000;
- Staff have not yet received an agreement for the funding, but approval of the grants is likely; and
- Staff will provide an update the Committee upon receiving notification of the status of the grant application.

(7) **Bike Lanes on 203rd between Old Dewdney Trunk Road & Golden Ears Way**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, introduced a recent resident inquiry regarding the implementation of bike lanes on 203rd and sought feedback from Committee. Highlights included:

- The section of road is split between Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge
- Pitt Meadows Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan identifies a bike lane and Maple Ridge’s plan identifies it as a paved shoulder as part

of the long-term plan. Ditch proximity/width of road will likely limit options in this area; and

- Item to be added to agenda when ATAC meets with Maple Ridge in 2021.

(8) **Fraser Way Roundabout Update**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided a brief verbal update on design and planned implementation for the Fraser Way roundabout. Highlights included:

- Staff provided an update to Council and made Phase 1 recommendations on April 7, 2020, which included clearing of sightlines/localized tree removal, reducing entrance points from four to two, two marking crosswalks and centre planting bed feature;
- Efforts are being focused on safety related items due to budgeting constraints; and
- Trees have since been removed and currently coordinating the marked crossings.

(9) **Fraser Way to Airport Way Bike Lane Discussions**

N. Jensen discussed the bike lane on Bonson Rd from Fraser Way to Airport Way. Highlights included:

- Staff mentioned Onni was committed to paint bike lanes on Bonson Rd from Sutton Ave to Airport Way;
- City previously asked Onni to hold off until the paving was completed;
- Truck traffic is very concerning for cyclists and a recommendation for the installation of bike lanes to Fraser Way was made. Staff mentioned this is not currently in the plan;
- The Committee would like to review the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan to determine any gaps and if key priorities have changed; and
- Bike Network Review will provide an initial refresh of associated connections.

6. ROUND TABLE

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion. Highlights included:

- Councillor Miyashita expressed appreciation for everyone's time and trying out this new platform of meetings for the Committee;
- Committee had made a recommendations to provide a motion to Council to bring up at UBCM regarding reducing the speed limit from 50 km/hr to 30 km/hr on City side streets;
- Increasing social distancing enforcement on the dikes;
- Social distancing signage has been added on the dikes and are being promoted on the Social Media;
- Committee inquired about potential Parks Committee and involvement in Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Large dump trucks are travelling too fast on Airport Way;
- Pedestrian safety at roundabout. Staff mentioned that a Traffic Operation Safety Review was previously completed and included some recommendations on how to improve the roundabout for pedestrians, but this was deferred as the intersections will be changed to signalized with the Airport Way widening;
- Appreciation was expressed regarding the addition of the crosswalks on Bonson Road at Sutton Ave and Fraser Way;
- Staff mentioned a recent request for traffic calming on Wildwood Cr., which included marking of crosswalks as well as a reduced speed limit in this area;
- City will be looking at vehicle traffic volumes, sightlines, pedestrian volumes, crosswalks, and Linden Grove Park;
- ATAC would like to see connectivity for cyclists reviewed at Linden Grove Park;
- Alternative route for trucks accessing BC Earth Exchange; and
- Appreciation was expressed towards the two new streetlights that were added on Bonson Road.

7. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

The following items were added as Action Items:

- Members of ATAC to look for an educational piece that could be shared through Social Media for school age children.
- Staff to look into educational piece or awareness piece surrounding idling cars while waiting for the train on Harris Road.
- Staff to discuss with CP the reason/plans with all the markings at the Harris Rd crossing.

- Staff to look into a recommendation towards an advisory “cyclist dismount” sign at the Golden Ears roundabout. Should this signage be possible, Staff is recommended to move forward and install otherwise return to the Committee for feedback.
- Staff to coordinate with Parks and Recreation Department for ATAC's involvement/feedback on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, once started.
- Staff to discuss with Onni timeline for adding designated bike lanes on Bonson Rd from Sutton Ave to Airport Way.
- Staff to look up previous motion to council regarding a recommendation that the ATAC had made a to Council regarding reducing the speed limit on City side streets from 50 kms/hr to 30 kms/hr.
- Staff to look into options to increase safety from trucks on Airport Way.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** and **SECONED** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

<p><i>The next Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting is set for September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.</i></p>
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