

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

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Minutes of the Council Workshop of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor M. Little
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri
Councillor A. Nixon

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Grant, Manager – Corporate Planning & Projects
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. T. Smith, Transportation Planner
Ms. A. Kim, Transportation Planning Technologist
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

Also in

Attendance: Jeffery Bushby, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning, TransLink

1. Opening by the Mayor

Mayor Walton welcomed members of the public and staff to the meeting.

2. TransLink – Phibbs Exchange

File No. 16.8620.40/022.000

Memo: Steven Ono, Manager – Engineering Services

Mr. Jeffery Bushby, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning - TransLink, provided Council with an update on the Phibbs Exchange study. Mr. Bushby noted that one of the main concerns brought to the attention of TransLink is the safety and security issues that may be deterring transit passengers from using Phibbs Exchange. Improvements to Phibbs Exchange to address public safety and community integration are a high priority in the District.

TransLink, in consultation with District staff and other stakeholders, have confirmed that the current location is optimal for Phibbs Exchange. Advantages of Phibbs Exchange staying at its current location include:

- Direct transit connection to Highway 1 and the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge;
- Excellent access for residents and employees in the Lower Lynn area;

- Support to developing the Lower Lynn Town Centre as a Frequent Transit Development Area, as identified in Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy; and,
- Compatibility with Highway 1 Interchanges plans, as confirmed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Goals for an improved exchange include:

- An active land-use at, or adjacent to , Phibbs Exchange;
- Better pedestrian and cycling connections;
- A drop-off and pick-up zone;
- Enhanced park-and-ride facilities;
- Retail amenities; and,
- Passenger facility improvements such as public washrooms and improved lighting.

Next steps include:

- Initiate Summer 2012 following North Shore Area Transit Plan completion;
- Study duration will be approximately six months; and,
- Consultation will continue with the District of North Vancouver and other stakeholders throughout the study.

Council Discussion:

- Commented on the importance of improved lighting;
- Suggested incorporating weather protection;
- Acknowledged that Phibbs Exchange is ranked as one of thirteen high priorities;
- Questioned if Phibbs Exchange would be an ideal location in 5-8 years with the growing number of people in the Lower Lynn area;
- Suggested providing community shuttle buses to students trying to get to Capilano University; and,
- Acknowledged the need for quick serve places such as food and beverage places.

3. East Keith Road Pavement Markings

File No.

Memo: Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks, and Facilities

Ms. Erica Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation, provided an analysis of the function, safety, and operations of East Keith Road seeking Council feedback so that the configuration can be finalized and permanent markings can be installed.

The need for staff to review how East Keith Road operates arose when it was scheduled for re-paving in 2011 with the following issues:

- High westbound speeds;
- Passing/climbing lane unneeded;
- Higher westbound collision risk;
- Crossing difficulty for pedestrians; and,
- No designated space for cyclists.

The District of North Vancouver conducted public consultations in June 2011 regarding options for new pavement markings and an on-line survey was conducted between November 2011 and May 2012. An engineering consultant completed an independent technical review in spring 2012 and another open house was held on April 25, 2012 to present the results of the survey to date and the results of the technical review. The technical report recommended providing one westbound vehicle lane with the expected benefits of:

- Reduction of twenty percent in westbound vehicular crashes;
- Reduced pedestrian crossing distance, reducing the risk for pedestrians;
- Provision of a buffer space between vehicles and pedestrians using the sidewalk;
- Less delay for traffic entering from Hendry Avenue;
- Provision of an on-street cycling facility where none exists now; and,
- An expected reduction in vehicle travel speeds of four kilometres per hour.

The results of the on-line survey to support one westbound lane varied based on whether the respondent cycled.

Council requested that the installation of bus bays be investigated and that a staff report be brought back to a future meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Confidential Council Clerk