

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

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Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 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 A. Nixon

Absent: Councillor L. Muri

Staff: Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Ms. N. Deveaux, General Manager – Finance & Technology
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
Ms. S. Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services
Ms. E. Geddes, Section Manager – Transportation
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. A. Kim, Transportation Planner

Also in

Attendance: Mr. Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner, City of North Vancouver

1. Opening by the Mayor

Mayor Walton opened the meeting and welcomed the public to the meeting.

2. 2012 Bicycle Master Plan

File No. 16.8450.00/002.001.000

Presentation: Erica Geddes, Section Manager - Transportation, and Annie Kim, Transportation Planner

Mr. Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities, advised that staff are seeking direction and feed-back from Council regarding the Bicycle Master Plan priorities and input on the decision making process.

Ms. Annie Kim, Transportation Planner, spoke regarding the draft 2012 Bicycle Master Plan highlighting that the development process was a joint effort with the City of North Vancouver; however, the implementation of the plan will be developed separately by each municipality.

New goals of the Bicycle Master Plan include providing facilities which can accommodate cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Steve Ono, Manager – Engineering Services, outlined the decision making framework for the Bicycle Master Plan and sought Council feedback on five questions related to implementation of projects:

1. Implement short sections of bike routes through repaving or wait for longer route?
2. Prioritize those projects that have partner funding?
3. Prioritize transportation routes or recreation routes?
4. Focus on those projects that will attract as many new riders as possible (ie separated from traffic)
5. Bike projects that reduce vehicle travel lanes should undergo public consultation and seek Council approval?

Council Discussion:

Council encouraged staff to maximize the use of paint and low cost measures to improve safety. The use of lane delineation should be used where possible. It was noted that recreational users may prefer off street paths, whereas commuters prefer on street options. Staff were encouraged to consider working with the Parks Department to upgrade trail surfaces to make the trail network within parks part of the bike network.

Staff noted that there may be a need to pass on some projects, which the District has partner funding for, to spend funds on other priorities. Council requested staff provide a cost outline for the identified priority projects. Full costing, any changes to the road traffic, and any effect on pedestrian access should be outlined in the plan to assist with the prioritization of individual projects. Staff were encouraged to increase consultation with the non-cycling community where implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan could impact traffic lanes or congestion. Council spoke in support of implementing sections of the Bicycle Master Plan, where appropriate, using a minimal amount of capital funds.

Councillor BASSAM left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Councillor MACKAY-DUNN left the meeting at 8:01 pm and returned at 8:02 pm.

In summary Council encouraged staff to:

- Have projects which are shovel ready for partnership opportunities;
- Use existing infrastructure to improve cycling routes;
- Design projects which are in line with the Official Community Plan;
- Promote safety measures at critical intersections and highway interchanges;
- Improve separation measures for on-road bike lanes through cost effective means;
- Work in conjunction with the Parks Department to identify local trails and pathways suitable for multi-use purposes; and,
- Improve education and signage for motorists.

Council requested staff provide maps which identify route gaps and routes in progress.

Council requested that staff report back on the implications of allowing cyclists on sidewalks, including any required bylaw changes.

Public Input:

Mr. Corrie Kost:

- Commented that he welcomes the consultation with residents.

Mr. Peter Thompson:

- Spoke in support of the workshop presentation; and,
- Supports public consultation for projects which reduce vehicle travel lanes.

Mr. John Hunter:

- Spoke in support of licencing cyclists;
- Queried if staff would be able to explain the cost of the Bicycle Master Plan; and,
- Commented on the survey.

Mayor Walton thanked staff for their work on this project.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Confidential Council Clerk