



HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday October 27, 2021

Present: Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Andrew Moss, Jan Tache, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:33 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

a) Review of Agenda – Add TransLink Transport 2050 and Patrick Johnstone’s 5-Year AAA Plan, Motion to Council to the agenda. Approved.

b) Review of Minutes (September 22, 2021) – The action items were done. Brad spoke to Mike Anderson about the Agnes Greenway stair rail but the City is reluctant to do anything at the moment because the Provincial Court of BC opposes the greenway being on Lorne Avenue. HUB-NW has proposed route options that avoid Lorne Avenue.

Action: Garey will update the letter proposing alternative routes and send to the City. Approved.

c) Social Media Update – No new developments.

2. Advocacy

a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – The City has not responded to the 2022 priorities list. HUB-NW will monitor the budget process to see what the City prioritizes and to ensure cycling projects are completed.

b) Uptown Active Transportation Improvements – Be Heard is still open for comments and questions about the two projects: 7th Avenue Greenway between 5th Street and 8th Street and a direct connection from 7th Avenue to New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS). Shane participated in the consultation at NWSS where attendees favoured a protected bike lane on 7th Avenue with parking on only one side of 7th Avenue and a bike route to NWSS along 6th Street. HUB-NW does not support a connection to NWSS using the alley.

c) Qayqayt School Connection – HUB-NW reached out to the City and the School Board about an opportunity resulting from a proposed development beside the school to improve the Downtown – Uptown bike route. The developer would like HUB-NW’s support when it presents its plans to the City.

d) Memorialization Park/Formal NWSS Grounds – Fulton received an email on behalf of the School Board Superintendent, Karim Hachlaf, indicating that the “Memorialization Advisory Committee is not the appropriate venue for HUB participation and advocacy”.

Action: Fulton will offer HUB’s expertise regarding a multi-user path through the park and seek clarification on the focus of the Committee.

e) Agnes Greenway Update – The City has received full funding for the route.

f) Central Valley Greenway - The City has completed improvements to the route by re-allocating road space to cycling space on the west side of East Columbia Street between Debeck Street and Strand Avenue. This

includes painted lines, flexi-bollards, elephant feet markings and a safer crossing of East Columbia Street at Brunette Avenue.

g) Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee – STAC received a presentation from Urban Systems on the Uptown Active Transportation Improvements. The committee also heard from City staff about progress on establishing a baseline and scoring system for the Bold Step 7 of re-allocating 10% of road space primarily used by motor vehicles to the public realm and active transportation. City staff also presented the preliminary intersection policy and the preliminary process for monitoring and reporting of the Master Transportation Plan progress.

The City is seeking applications for committees including STAC. HUB-NW members are encouraged to apply.

h) TransLink Transport 2050 – TransLink has launched phase three of its consultations of Transport 2050 (see [Transport 2050 Proposes Big Rapid Transit and Bike Network Expansions! | Transport 2050 | Phase 3 | Engage TransLink](#)), which also concerns the regional cycling network. Members are encouraged to participate in the consultations. Robert is concerned that TransLink does not have authority over other transportation infrastructure such as highways and railways, which impact active transportation.

i) Patrick Johnstone's 5-Year AAA Plan, Motion to Council – Councillor Patrick Johnstone moved a motion to establish an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) active transportation network that can be integrated into a 5-year capital plan (see <https://www.patrickjohnstone.ca/2021/09/council-sept-27-2021.html>). HUB-NW will monitor to ensure the City will also implement inexpensive quick fixes.

3. Activities

a) Go by Bike Week – HUB-NW organized a station on the BC Parkway on the morning of Tuesday September 28 that was sponsored by ICBC. There was a second station on the same morning at the Royal Columbia Hospital sponsored by Fraser Health.

b) All-Committee Workshop (Thursday October 28) – The focus of the workshop is effective communication with decision-makers. Members are encouraged to attend.

Paving on 10th Street is complete while road markings are preliminary.

Adjourned: 8:08 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday November 24, 2021