



Public Works & Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works & Transportation Committee held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 19, 2014, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. **LETTER SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF LIVESMART BC: SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 10-6125-05-01) (REDMS No. 4125963)

Peter Russell, Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy, introduced Brendan McEwen, Manager, Sustainability, and commented on Mr. McEwen's past work experience.

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Discussion ensued and it was suggested that Metro Vancouver members receive a copy of Richmond's letter given that this matter was initiated by Metro Vancouver.

It was moved and seconded

That a letter supporting the continuation of the LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program be sent to the B.C. Minister of Energy and Mines under the Mayor's signature with copies to Metro Vancouver members.

CARRIED

2. WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 10-6405-01) (REDMS No. 4108801)

Suzanne Bycraft, Manager, Fleet and Environmental Programs, provided background information and commented on the proposed pilot program's comprehensive outreach program.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That a pilot program for single-family garbage collection to evaluate weekly and bi-weekly service levels be undertaken commencing March, 2014;*
- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract T.2988, Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Services, to service, acquire, store, assemble, label, deliver, replace and undertake related tasks for the carts, undertake program evaluation and related items associated with this temporary pilot program;*
- (3) *That staff report back with a progress update of the pilot in July, including recommendations for:*
 - (a) *services to those residents in the pilot at the conclusion of the program; and*
 - (b) *City-provided garbage collection service levels as a permanent program to all residents serviced by the City.*

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

3. RICHMOND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – PROPOSED 2014 INITIATIVES

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-20-RCYC1) (REDMS No. 4047203)

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Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, acknowledged Linda Love and Mark Heath, members of the Richmond Active Transportation Committee (RATC), and sent regrets on behalf of Larry Pamer, Chair, ATC, as he could not attend due to health matters.

On behalf of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, the Chair extended get well wishes to Mr. Pamer.

Ms. Chan then distributed copies of page three of the staff report (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1) and advised that 'Figure 3' has been revised to reflect 2013 figures.

In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Chan and Victor Wei, Director, Transportation, advised that staff have not received any negative feedback regarding the various modes of active transportation permitted along the Railway Avenue Greenway. Also, Mr. Wei commented on safety concerns with regard to users of the greenway not obeying traffic signals, and noted that staff are closely monitoring the usage of the greenway to determine if any adjustments to signage need to be made.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed 2014 initiatives of the Richmond Active Transportation Committee, as described in the staff report titled Richmond Active Transportation Committee – Proposed 2014 Initiatives, be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That a copy of the staff report titled Richmond Active Transportation Committee – Proposed 2014 Initiatives be forwarded to the Richmond Council / School Board Liaison Committee for information.*

CARRIED

4. **PROVINCIAL 2013-2014 BIKEBC PROGRAM – SUBMISSIONS FOR COST-SHARING**

(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-THIG1/2013) (REDMS No. 4054527)

Ms. Chan thanked Dr. James Lu, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health, and Dianne Bissenden, Director, Population and Family Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, for their continued support.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the submission for cost-sharing to the Province's 2013-2014 BikeBC Program for the upgrade of an off-street multi-use pathway as part of the Crosstown Neighbourhood Bike Route, as described in the staff report dated December 20, 2013 from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed; and*

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- (2) *That should the above applications be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Planning and Development, be authorized to execute the funding agreement.*

CARRIED

5. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) *Dredging – Cannery Channel*

John Irving, Director, Engineering, distributed a letter from Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) dated January 22, 2014 (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), and noted that PMV will update staff daily on the status of the work.

(ii) *Capital Works Open House*

Mr. Irving spoke of the upcoming Capital Works Open House, noting that the event is tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2014.

(iii) *Storm Response*

Lloyd Bie, Manager, Engineering Planning, commented on a recent storm that went through Richmond, noting that the City's infrastructure performed well.

The Chair and Romeo Bicego, Manager, Sewerage and Drainage, thanked the Public Works staff for their efforts in managing the City's infrastructure.

(iv) *Transportation Updates*

Ms. Chan advised that the Province has opened an office at Ironwood Plaza for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

Also, Ms. Chan noted that she presented the ICBC – City of Richmond Road Safety Partnership report to the Richmond School Board.

(v) *Regional Engineering Advisory Committee*

Robert Gonzalez, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, highlighted that he has been selected as the Vice-Chair of the Metro Vancouver Regional Engineering Advisory Committee.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Gonzalez commented on (i) the City's response to snowfall in December 2013; (ii) the status of the Steveston Harbour Long-Term Development Concept; (iii) a potential bylaw to regulate the recycling of materials from homes scheduled to be demolished; and (iv) forthcoming amendments to Policy 2306 – Sustainable 'High Performance' Building – City Owned Facilities as it relates renewable energy and energy consumption.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:41 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Committee Clerk

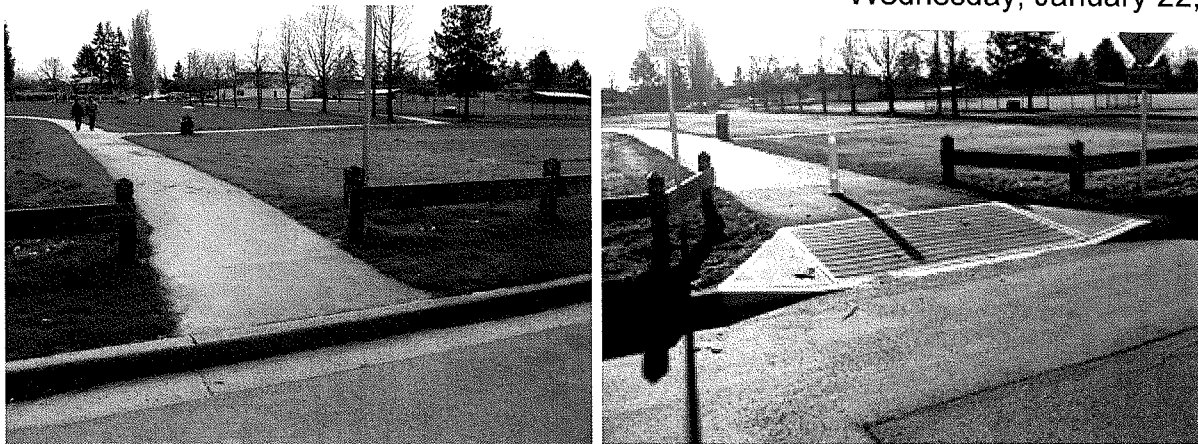


Figure 2: Before & After Off-Street Path along Perimeter of Walter Lee School

Westminster Highway Pathway (No. 6 Road-No. 8 Road): Removal of centre bollards from the existing off-street pathway and review of further potential improvements including the addition of new streetlights, painted white edge lines and reflectors to improve visibility and the legibility of the pathway at night.

No. 6 Road Pathway (Westminster Hwy-Commerce Parkway): Construction of a new two-way off-street multi-use pathway on the west side of No. 6 Road as part of the scope of a road widening project.

City Paving Program: Worked with Engineering and Public Works staff to identify priorities for the restoration of roadways with cycling facilities impacted by development activities.

Cycling Improvements in Steveston: Identified additional locations for bike racks along Chatham Street in Steveston Village as well as potential improvements to Bayview Street east of No. 1 Road to enhance cycling (e.g., removal of raised granite pavers).

1.2 Promotion

The Committee participated in the following activities to promote cycling and other active transportation modes in Richmond.

Bike to Work Week (May and October 2013): The Committee worked with organizers of this region-wide annual initiative to continue to successfully stage these events in Richmond. Four bike commuter stations recorded a total of 398 cyclists (i.e., stopping at the commuter station or passing by) during 2-hour periods in May and 272 cyclists were recorded at two bike commuter stations during 2-hour periods in October (see Figure 3).

