



Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Carol Day, Chair
Councillor Michael Wolfe
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Kash Heed (by teleconference)
Councillor Alexa Loo

Also Present: Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Bill McNulty

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee held on September 11, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **GREEN AMBASSADORS PROGRAM UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-01) (REDMS No. 7742682)

Staff provided a brief summary of the report, noting the (i) ongoing success of the Green Ambassador Program, which has been in place since 2010, (ii) strong partnership between the City, Richmond students and the Richmond School District fostering youth involvement in waste reduction efforts, and (iii) exploration of new opportunities to improve and expand the program.

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Discussion ensued with respect to (i) Green Ambassadors providing best practices for sorting recycling and garbage correctly at waste stations, and (ii) the Youth Climate Corps BC initiative which is a climate action campaign and program that builds on youth leadership to foster climate resilience and a livable, low-carbon future while paying young people a living wage.

As a result of the discussion the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff explore a working agreement with Youth Climate Corps British Columbia (YCCBC) and report back.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Green Ambassadors Program Update” dated September 12, 2024 from the Director, Public Works Operations, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC BYLAW 5870 FOR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION IN STEVESTON

(File Ref. No. 10-6450-15-01) (REDMS No. 7748450)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) 4th and 7th Avenue are both included in the 30 km/h speed reduction, and (ii) the speed reduction applies to all vehicles including buses.

Alex Sagert, Richmond resident, expressed support for the proposed amendments to the traffic bylaw reducing the speed limit from 50 km/h to 30 km/h on local roads in Steveston. He also inquired whether there was consideration given to placing stop signs at 6th Avenue. In response to the query from the delegation, staff advised that staff will assess the 6th Avenue area for further intersection improvements.

The following correspondence was distributed on table (Schedule 1). Staff advised that the correspondence has been forwarded to the Parks department for follow up.

It was moved and seconded

(1) That Option 2 to reduce the posted speed limit on local roads in Steveston from 50 km/h to 30 km/h as described in the staff report titled “Proposed Amendments to Traffic Bylaw 5870 for Speed Limit Reduction in Steveston, dated September 17, 2024 from the Director, Transportation be endorsed; and

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- (2) *That Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10607, to revise the posted speed limit be introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

CARRIED

3. **ARTERIAL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2021), TOP 20 COLLISION PRONE INTERSECTIONS - IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDIUM/LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS (2021), AND TOP 20 COLLISION PRONE INTERSECTIONS - IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDIUM/LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS (2022) – PROJECT UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 10-6500-01) (REDMS No. 7808550)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) project delays and cost increases can be attributed to design complexities, (ii) design work on the projects is approximately 10 percent of the total construction value, and (iii) staff conducted a comprehensive assessment in 2019 from data supplied by ICBC on all collisions within the city, from that, a list was created of the top 20 most collision prone intersections that are priorities for improvements.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Option 1 be approved as presented in the report “Arterial Roadway Improvement Program (2021), Top 20 Collision Prone Intersections - Implementation of Medium/Long-term Improvements (2021), and Top 20 Collision Prone Intersections -Implementation of Medium/Long-term Improvements (2022) – Project Update” dated September 18, 2024, from the Director, Engineering and Director, Transportation; and*
- (2) *That the budget increase of \$3,750,000 funded by Roads Development Cost Charges (DCC) and Capital Reserve (Revolving Fund) be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2025-2029).*

CARRIED

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4. **UBCM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND:
2024/25 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION – CLIMATE ADAPTATION
GRANT APPLICATIONS**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-01) (REDMS No. 7776952)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the application(s) to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation funding stream, as outlined in the staff report titled “UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: 2024/25 Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Grant Applications” dated September 13, 2024 from the Director, Engineering, be endorsed;*
- (2) *That should the grant application(s) be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, be authorized to execute funding agreements with UBCM on behalf of the City for the Drainage Pump Station Condition Assessment, Flood Protection and Rain Gauge Monitoring Stations, and Blundell Road Canal Improvement projects; and*
- (3) *That should the grant application(s) be successful, capital projects of \$150,000 for the Drainage Pump Station Condition Assessment, \$150,000 for Flood Protection and Rain Gauge Monitoring Stations, and \$5,000,000 for Blundell Road Canal Improvement be approved with 100% funding from the external grant, as outlined in the staff report titled “UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: 2024/25 Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Grant Applications” dated September 13, 2024 from the Director, Engineering, and be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2025-2029) accordingly.*

CARRIED

5. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

(i) *Steveston Interchange Project*

Staff updated Committee on the Steveston Interchange Project and spoke to a key milestone for the project which is switching traffic from the existing overpass on to the newly constructed overpass. This work will continue until November 7, 2024 and the switch over of traffic to the new interchange is anticipated at the end of November. This will facilitate the demolition of the old overpass so that works for the future five lanes can commence.

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(ii) Introduction of New Staff and Ready for Rain Campaign

Staff introduced Ryan Windsor to Committee as the new Manager of Flood Protection. He provided Committee with an update on the “Ready for Rain Campaign” which began this week and is an annual campaign to create public awareness to help ensure residents are ready for the seasonal weather. He also advised that sandbags are available to the public at the Works Yard.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:12 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Councillor Carol Day
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate



Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

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From: CityClerk
Sent: October 15, 2024 10:53 AM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Support Steveston speed limit reduction

Categories: - TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR / FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Subject: Support Steveston speed limit reduction

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I can't be at the meeting tomorrow but as a Steveston resident with four kids I support the reduction in Steveston's speed limits!

We also need lighting along the Steveston Park path. It's so dark even my wife won't walk there at night. (We don't allow the kids to either).

Thank you,
Spenser Rocky
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