



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM

PRESENT: VOTING:

Councillor Bob Spiers
Terry Dyck, Sustainable Environment Network Society
David Frost, Community at Large
Susan Novecoski, Senior's Representative
Kim Young, Greater Vernon Cycling Coalition
Dione Chambers, Manager, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce
Anita Ely, Interim Rep. Interior Health
Rob Williams, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit (via phone)

GUEST: Shilpa Paniker, Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit (via phone)

ABSENT: Thomas McKenzie, Community at Large
Susan Lehman, Executive Director, Downtown Vernon Association
Laura Hockman, Independent Living Vernon

Ellen Morrison, Staff Liaison

STAFF: Janice Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Moved by Terry Dyck; seconded by Susan Novecoski;

THAT Dione Chambers be elected Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee for 2017;

AND FURTHER that David Frost be elected Vice-Chair for 2017.

CARRIED.

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICY

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and the Bullying and Harassment Policy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by David Frost, seconded by Terry Dyck:

THAT the agenda for the Thursday, September 28, 2017 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by David Frost, seconded by Terry Dyck:

THAT the minutes for the September 29, 2016 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

Anita Ely entered the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SMALL WHEELED TRANSPORT (SWT) BYLAW UPDATE

Ellen Morrison, Staff Liaison gave an update on the Small Wheeled Transport Bylaw presented at the previous meeting. The following points were noted:

- Still working on implementation
- Bylaw is expected to be drafted in late 2017 or early 2018.

Kim Young entered the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

MARCH 2018 TRANSIT SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

The Staff Liaison reviewed the service improvements proposed by BC Transit and the City of Vernon that are tentatively planned to be implemented in March 2018. The following points were noted:

- Goal of improvements - to increase transit reliability and efficiency;
- While there were challenges removing duplication and overlapping routes, efficiencies were found on 29 Street (multi-modal) and with the new convergence of routes at Walmart;
- Timeline – Council supported proposed changes in principle in September 2017, Public Participation will conclude in October 2017; routes will be updated and adjusted according to feedback and options and will be brought back to Council in November 2017;
- Based on feedback to date:

- Agreement with changes proposed for Route 3 – Alexis Park but public would like a Village Green Centre stop included;
- Route 2 - Pleasant Valley – agreement with route changes – streamlined but still one directional;
- Agreement with new route from Transit Exchange to Recreation Centre and up 29 Street to Walmart – is one directional and complements Route 2 – Pleasant Valley (one directional loop in opposite directions) and more service hours;
- Route 7 – Okanagan Landing - expansion of route to two-directional – while many were in favour of changes, there were concerns about removing service along Bella Vista Road;
- Route 8 – Bella Vista – proposal to shorten route – only 32% supported change. Staff and BC Transit looking at ways of adjusting, also waiting for survey responses.
- Surveys have been provided both online and by hardcopy;
- Route 2 and the new route will go by the Village Green Centre;
- Most routes will circulate every 35 to 40 minutes with Routes 7 and 8 being every hour;
- The Committee had concerns regarding the location of the stop at the Village Green Center, currently stops at 48 Avenue;
- The Committee requested ridership data, the Staff Liaison will email out to Committee.
- The Committee was encouraged to participate in the online and hardcopy surveys and to encourage others to do so as well.

Moved by David Frost, seconded by Susan Novecoski:

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that Council support, in principle, the proposed transit route improvements created in partnership with BC Transit, as presented to the Committee at their September 28, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED.

Moved by ,Susan Novecoski; seconded by David Frost:

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that Council continue to pursue an improved transit stop at both the Village Green Centre Mall and Polson Mall.

CARRIED.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee is to be announced pending agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT The Transportation Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

 Dave Frost

Chair