

City of Chilliwack
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021, 3:30 pm
Held Electronically

- Council Members:** Councillor Jeff Shields, Chair
Councillor Jason Lum, Vice Chair
- TAC Members:** Collin Rogers, Chamber of Commerce
Corporal Mike Pfeifer, RCMP, Traffic Section
Bryden Nelmes, Community Member
Chelsea Cromarty, Community Member
Rob Ringma, Senior Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit
Adriana McMullen, Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit
Jim Ryan, Community Member
Wayne Williams, SD33, Manager of Transportation
Tanis Hatch, ICBC
David Hill, Road Safety Engineer, ICBC (Ex-Officio)
- City Staff Members:** Kara Jefford, Manager of Transportation and Drainage
Samantha Piper, Public Safety Specialist
Colette McDiarmid, Senior Traffic Technician
Andrew Pipke, Traffic Technician
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** David Swankey, SD33 Board Member
Stephen Head, Community Member
Neal Moulton, Area Manager, Fraser Valley South, Ministry of Transportation
Kevin Pollard, Supervisor – Roads, Transportation, Drainage

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jeff Shields was Chair and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Chair Shields welcomed Tanis Hatch who is the new ICBC representative.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda for Thursday, January 21,
Seconded (2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held
Seconded (Thursday, September 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Bryden Nelmes joined the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Draft Transit Future Action Plan Review

Rob Ringma, Senior Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit, provided a brief update on the following:

- COVID-19 Impacts on Service Planning
- Ridership
- Budget
- Fare Review (post-poned)

Transit Mobility App

In November 2020, BC Transit announced ‘*Transit*’ as their endorsed mobility app. The app is available for use in 18 BC Transit systems. *Transit* has the ability to use real-time technology to enable riders to see nearby options and departure times.

A query was raised regarding an update with respect to ‘Next Ride’, a project to implement real-time technology for BC Transit rider’s trip planning. BC Transit is currently working on the technology and an expected timeframe for the implementation of ‘Next Ride’ is early 2022.

Adriana McMullen, Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit, provided an overview of the draft Transit Future Action Plan (TFAP) as outlined below and a review of key priorities:

- Developing a Transit Future Action Plan
- Public Engagement
- Service Change Proposals
- Strategic Priorities
- Infrastructure Proposals
- Emerging Technology
- Moving Forward

Discussion ensued and the following suggestions were proposed:

1. Increase annual service hours to 4200;
2. advance expanded service to Route 4 – Promontory;
3. Redesign both Route 5 – Yarrow and Route 9 – Industrial to improve functionality

Samantha Piper left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS (continued)

A query was raised regarding the status of a transit operation facility at the Parr Road site, and whether there is consideration for an expansion to the downtown bus exchange. Staff noted that the Parr Road application was denied by the Agricultural Land Commission; however, there are future plans (short-medium term) to double the bus staging area at the Spadina exchange location. Long-term plans include a second south side exchange.

Next Steps for Chilliwack:

1. Transit Future Action Plan – final draft & MOU - February 2021
2. Bring to Council – April 2021
3. Implementation - Transit Improvement Program MOU – June 2021

6. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

7. OTHER

Pedestrian Plan – update

Due to time constraints, the Pedestrian Plan update has been tabled and will be introduced at an upcoming meeting.

A query was raised regarding when an update may be provided with respect to the Cycling Plan; staff noted an additional meeting prior to summer may be scheduled regarding this item.

8. INFORMATION

a) 2021 Terms of Reference

The 2021 Terms of Reference were provided for information.

b) 2021 Membership List

The 2021 Membership List was provided for information.

c) 2021 Meeting Schedule

The 2021 Meeting Schedule was provided for information.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee concurred an additional meeting is required; and therefore, a special meeting will be planned for February 2021. The Committee also plans to proceed with the regularly scheduled meeting at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Councillor Jeff Shields, Chair