

MINUTES
SPECIAL SAANICH BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006, AT 4:10 P.M.

Present: Chair: Councillor Derman
Members: J. Gaylord, J. Grayson, D. DeShane, D. Wick.
Staff: A. Topp, Manager of Community Planning, G. Fleming, Park
Planning & Design Manager, Mike Lai, Manager of Transportation,
Constable Brajcich, Police Department, Cathy Weston, Sr.
Committee Clerk.
Guest: Ron Akehurst, UMA Engineering Ltd.
Regrets: A. Murdoch, N. Neate and P. Shatzko.

MINUTES

Moved by J. Grayson and Seconded by J. Gaylord: "That the Minutes of January 25, 2006 be adopted as amended."

Carried.

CENTENNIAL TRAILS UPDATE

- G. Fleming introduced Ron Akehurst from UMA Engineering Ltd., consulting engineer for the Centennial Trails Project Phase 1.

Colquitz Sections:

- Some work is being done on the Colquitz Trail including improvements to the crossing at Interurban Road and installing a pedestrian activated light.
- An improved crossing with a pedestrian activated light will provide a safer crossing at Carey Road into Copley Park.
- Additional funding is identified in the Centennial Trails project for Phase 2 in 2007-2009.

Royal Oak Section:

- One section of the Royal Oak Connector (Lindsay Street to Mann Avenue), across Wilkinson Road through Quick's Bottom will have to wait until bridge improvements can be made. At that time, the plan is to have the bridge designed so that the trail goes underneath it.
- M. Lai stated there is no anticipated time frame for the bridge replacement.
- Due to this fact, a new trail portion from Casa Linda to Mann Avenue will be added. A pedestrian activated light will be installed at Mann Avenue. Surface will be 9 mm granular material.
- From Casa Linda going east, the trail through to West Saanich Rd will be paved. The timing for the completion of this section will depend on resolving the exact route.
- Brydon Park will be one of the Centennial celebration sites.

Glendale Trail:

- G. Fleming provided an update on trail expansion from Mann Avenue to Wilkinson Road and along Interurban to Quayle Roads.
- The location is supported by the Vancouver Island Technology Park, Camosun College and the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific.
- The surface will be 9 mm granular except for a small paved section.

- Width will be 3 metres with .5 metre gravel shoulder on each side.
- A crossing will be built at Viaduct Flats at the bottom of the embankment on Interurban.

Interurban Rail Trail:

- Stage 1 trail is 5 metres wide due to the wider road base.
- The surface used for Stage 2 is not suitable and will be replaced with 9 mm compacted granular material.
- Stage 2 will be 3 metres wide with .5 metre gravel shoulder on each side. The public meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 7 at the Prospect Lake Community Hall.

Sign Pan:

- D. Wick suggested the majority of the signs should be consistent with other signs such as the Interurban Route signs, and not specific to the Centennial Trail.
- G. Fleming stated there is a need to provide better signs and maps but it is important to not over-sign. Staff is still reviewing a number of different sign options.

BICYCLE RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENT (MVI) STATISTICS

- Constable Brajcich presented statistics for 2004 and 2005 on bicycle related MVI's indicating a total of 57 in 2004 and 44 in 2005.
- 47 injuries occurred in 2004 and 37 in 2005.
- One fatality occurred in 2004 and none in 2005.
- Approximately half of the 31 violation tickets issued in 2005 were for not wearing a helmet; generally Police enforce this law by issuing warnings.
- The helmet fine is \$35; the fine for not wearing a seat belt is \$138.
- In 2005 the majority of MVI's occurred on major streets; i.e. Tillicum, McKenzie, Shelbourne, Burnside or West Saanich.
- Constable Brajcich agreed to provide a list of top 4 streets involving MVI's for 2004 and 2005 and top 5 accident scenes, for the Committee's information.
- Regarding the recent fatality on Richmond Road and Newton Street, Constable Brajcich stated the driver was arrested the following day for leaving the scene of an accident. It is very hard to prove if he was impaired at the time of the accident.
- The cyclist was not wearing a helmet or any reflective clothing, had no lights on his bike and was wearing very dark clothing. He was also crossing Richmond Road from Newton in front of the vehicle when the accident occurred.

D. Wick stated California law requires all bikes sold to be equipped with lights and reflective strips. He further stated that clothing manufacturers sell black cycling pants with reflective strips that don't go completely around clothing.

MOVED by D. Wick and Seconded by J. Gaylord: "That it be recommended that Council write letters to the retail and clothing manufacturing industries requiring all new bikes to be equipped with reflectors and for reflective strips on clothing to encircle the body (torso, arms, legs), and that the letter be forwarded to other BC municipalities."

Carried.

M. Lai stated he works with ICBC and the Safer City Program and will bring to their attention the comments raised at the meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Bicycle Parking at Tuscany Village

- A. Topp detailed the underground resident parking and surface parking to be provided as outlined in the development permit plans.
- The Chair stated the Committee has a role to consider the infrastructure of parking provisions.
- The Chair agreed to contact the architect to advise him what kind of bike racks to install and that they should be bolted down.

Extension of Royal Oak Drive & McKenzie Bike Lanes

- M. Lai stated money has been included in the Engineering Department's preliminary budget for bike lanes on McKenzie between Borden and Blenkinsop.
- Bike lanes are also proposed on both sides of Royal Oak Drive from Falaise east to Amblewood.

Redevelopment of Burnside-Interurban to Grange Road

- M. Lai displayed the concept plan for proposed streetscape improvements which includes curb, gutter and sidewalks and a 1.5 m bike lane for both sides of the road.
- Cost estimates need to be done before the plan can be presented to the public.
- Concern was expressed that the project should not be called "streetscape improvements".

Items for Future Discussion

- ▶ Centennial Trail – concerns regarding the Mt. Douglas X Road/Glendenning Road intersection.
- ▶ Nature of underground bicycle parking – design considerations.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Councillor Vic Derman, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are a true and accurate recording of the meeting.

Recording Secretary