

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
IN THE RAVEN ROOM, AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

Committee Members: C. van der Vorm (Chair), C. Castro, E. Grdina, P. Hundal, P. Scholefield; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: A. Gallet and F. Umedaly.

Staff: H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment (Staff Representative); J. Moller, Director, Engineering & Transportation Division; S. O'Sullivan, Senior Manager, Roads & Transportation; and M. Wise, Climate Action Coordinator (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 7, 2024 Environment Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 9, 2024 Environment Committee meeting minutes be amended by:

- adding an additional space to Item 8, to create visual distinction between the withdrawn motion and the proposed motion;

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Active Transportation

J. Moller and S. O'Sullivan provided a presentation to the Committee on Active Transportation and answered Committee questions with support from staff.

Committee members and the public provided comments and queries regarding:

- The extent of sidewalk coverage in West Vancouver and criteria used to prioritize sidewalk implementation;

- A need for prioritizing apartments on Esquimalt to support safe, accessible pedestrian access to community spaces;
- Future role of public engagement in the implementation of active transportation and the different types of sidewalk engagement between immediate residents and visitors passing through an area;
- Potential for engaging property owners through alternate programs like Adopt-A-Road to support roadway easement upkeep;
- Different needs between commuter cyclists and recreation cyclists in West Vancouver, trade-offs between route design, safety and capacity, and understanding bike route flow;
- Dutch approaches to bike and car sharing on roadways to think about Marine Drive bike design and the challenges of shifting driver attitudes and behaviour in safe ways;
- Long haul and multi-use pathway projects like Spirit Trail extension, Horseshoe Bay to Whistler and what West Vancouver's role might be;
- Reflection on the Howe Sound Community Forum and the Squamish Mayor working on expanding bike trails with a lens to the complex impact this has on local Indigenous communities;
- E-bike and e-scooter use in the District, importance of modal shift to alternate transportation options, and adding bike racks next to transit stops;
- A committee member raised concerns about the Metrotown to Park Royal prioritization for rapid transit and questioned whether it has a direct or meaningful benefit to West Vancouver residents;
- Potential costs associated with a free transit day event in the District;
- Vision 2025 guidelines, mobility planning, and how it all aligns with the presented Active Transportation planning in the short and long term;
- Possibility of extending bike lanes from 26th to West Bay and challenges of road width; and
- Impacts of evolving alternate transportation technology and how that improves ease of topography navigation.

A. George (member of the public) provided a reflection on the need for ensuring bus stop design to provide adequate pedestrian accessibility.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

- the Active Transportation presentation be received for information;
- the Environment Committee endorse the presented approach to sidewalk network prioritization and programming; and
- the Committee endorsement of the Engineering and Transportation Department's sidewalk network prioritization and programming be forwarded to Council as part of a staff report to be brought forward for consideration at an upcoming open Council meeting.

CARRIED

5. Work Planning for the Active Transportation Component of the 2024 Work Plan

Committee members explored ways to connect the 2024 workplan items with District initiatives and events, regrading:

- GoByBike week engagement, bike map updating costs and printer friending version options for handing out;
- Learning from other municipalities on how to potentially mobilize a free transit day and car-free day event in West Vancouver;
- Confirmation of bike valet service at Culture Fest and Harmony Arts and volume of bikes they can accommodate;
- Teaming up with Clean BC Go Electric program and ways to connect with their demo services for electric transportation modes;
- Walking trains for local school kids and the need for Walk Leaders;
- Eight school registered for the West Vancouver Bike to School Week; and
- EV charging station strain and need to explore charging station expansion and locations.

A. George (member of the public) noted Park Royal is adding charging stations through Switch.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Work Planning for the Active Transportation Component of the 2024 Work Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Responding to Inquiries regarding the Environment Committee's Home Heating and Cooling Survey

Committee members and staff provided updates on the West Vancouver Home Heating and Cooling survey regarding:

- Types of feedback Staff are receiving;
- Survey launch, numbers, outreach, amplification and community comments on heat pumps;
- Heat pump permits in West Vancouver, electrical service upgrade issues, load management technology and requirements for heat pump installation;
- Culture Fest engagement for survey amplification and home heating and cooling education outreach; and
- When survey results will be available for review and strategies for processing feedback into action and follow up.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the actions developed by the Environment Committee on May 7th, regarding responding to inquires regarding the Environment Committee's home heating and cooling survey be approved.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Councillor Thompson provided a reflection on how bike lanes are used on weekends.

A. George provided suggestions on EV car education in partnership with Vancouver Electric Vehicle association, BC Hydro engagement, the circulation of a heat pump installer list, and amplification of library bike repair access.

M. Gamel made a request for watering trees over the summer months.

P. Lepp commented on District policies regarding heat pump installation, different options that may open up heat pump access, additional home cooling methods, the impact of losing tree canopy cover, and lack of solar being added to buildings developed in tree cleared spaces.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

9. ADJOURNMENT

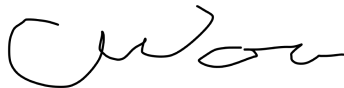
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 7, 2024 Environment Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Staff Representative