



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

FEBRUARY 14, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 9:32 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair
- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice-Chair
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- *Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway - 500 block of East 23rd Avenue**
(VanRIMS No. 13-4000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 30, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services in consultation with the Director of City Plans sought Council approval for the construction of the Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway including a pedestrian-oriented community space and pathway in the 500 block of East 23rd Avenue.

Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, outlined characteristics of a neighbourhood greenway and introduced students and staff present from Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School. Linda Chow, Greenways Engineer in Training, reviewed the report and noted that following the death of a student on Tupper School grounds in 2003, the "Hands of Hope" Committee was formed to assist the school and community come to terms with the tragedy. Ms. Chow also noted City staff met with local residents and school representatives in 2004 to explore opportunities for a potential greenway.

The following delegations spoke in favour of the report recommendations:

Jennifer Palmer, Principal, Prince of Wales Secondary School and Former Principal,
Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School
Marty Dolan, Teacher, Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School
Representatives of the Tupper Student Action Team:
Tiffany Phan
Jenifer Tanikawa
Sylvia Tran
Kimberly Horgan
Riley Wishart
Iona Whishaw, Principal, Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School
Tom Everitt

Their comments included:

- transition of the "Hands of Hope" project into "Hope into Action";
- the planning process and space as a way for healing, for celebration of life and spirit, and to commemorate Tupper student, Jomar Lanot;
- student involvement, partnerships and community connections made during the visioning and greenway planning process;
- greenway benefits for the school and neighbourhood;
- the opportunity for using the garden for teaching, access for special needs students, the sharing of talents, and bringing students, teachers, neighbourhood, art community and diverse groups together;
- how the school worked with the community and developed a framework for positive change at the grassroots level and promoted a sense of caring, safety and opportunity for further integration;
- youth involvement and pride in the positive changes made and would like to give the same option to other youth;
- hope there is enough lighting, policing and signage for the space; and
- encourage approval of the recommendations because the area and school needs the greenway.

Mr. Dobrovolny and Ms. Chow, together with Sandy James, Greenways Planner, responded to questions regarding safety aspects, enhancements that include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), upkeep costs and community participation in maintenance, and dealing with water run-off.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the closure to vehicular access of the mid-block portion of the 500 block of East 23rd Avenue for the Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway.
- B. THAT Council approve the construction of the Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway as detailed in the Administrative Report dated January 30, 2006, entitled

“Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway - 500 block of East 23rd Avenue”, at an estimated cost of \$305,000 and funding to be provided from existing capital as follows:

- \$200,000 from 2003 Streets Basic Capital for Greenways
- \$65,000 from 2004 Streets Basic Capital for Greenways
- \$40,000 from 2004 Streets Basic Capital for Street Beautification and Street Trees.

- C. THAT Council approve an increase of \$13,200 for maintenance costs to the Engineering Operating Budget, without offset, beginning in 2007 and subject to an annual budget review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

2. McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure (VanRIMS No. 12-1000-30)

Due to time constraints and the number of delegations to be heard, Council agreed to refer the Administrative Report dated January 26, 2006, entitled “McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure”, to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 16, 2006.

3. Grandview-Woodland Traffic Calming Plan (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 23, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval and funding to implement the Grandview-Woodland Traffic Calming Plan as described in the report, and provided a report back on the temporary curb bulge installed at Clark Drive and Venables Street, the left turn arrow at 1st Avenue and Clark Drive, and the effectiveness of speed humps in the area.

Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, outlined the public consultation process and noted this is the first time a 60 per cent approval has been achieved in support of a traffic calming proposal in the neighbourhood.

Jim Hall and Paul Storer, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineers, reviewed the report and together with Mr. Dobrovolny, responded to questions regarding the public consultation process and survey participation, adjacent areas, potential impact of the provincial government’s Gateway project, review of lights timing, and cycling improvements.

The following delegations spoke in favour of the report recommendations:

Sue Melnychuk
Terri Holizki
Geoffrey Hull (*brief submitted - on file*)
Mary McGillis
Jill Smith

Kevin Inkpen (*brief submitted - on file*)
Mike Aeberhardt (*brief submitted - on file*)
Lucca Hallex
Julia Done (*brief submitted - on file*)
Pauline Kendall

Their comments included:

- thanked staff for the manner, fairness and amount of time spent on the neighbourhood in order to arrive at the right plan;
- noted the plan is a major compromise and urged Council to support the recommendations;
- the consultation process allowed community and individual issues to be raised and will help address future problems;
- encouraged an ongoing consultation process to help solve traffic problems;
- the City has a pedestrians first policy, yet commuters short-cutting through the neighbourhood does not make for a pedestrian friendly area;
- since cars frequently ignore no left turn signs something more drastic may be needed;
- traffic calming in the neighbourhood is a safety issue;
- need to keep commuters and speeders off these residential streets;
- the disparity in survey results is between the "haves" and the "have nots" - those without traffic calming want to have it;
- if all streets started with zero traffic calming, the polling would get more than 60% approval for traffic calming in the area;
- the issue is with commuter traffic, not the slow church traffic;
- want to see closure on this issue; and
- want children to be able to cross the street safely.

The following delegations expressed concern about traffic figures, polling results based on survey area, and cycling routes:

Peter Trainor (*material submitted - on file*)
Paul Nielsen
Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (*brief submitted - on file*)

Their comments included:

- cannot say we have traffic calming in the area due to the amount of traffic on Napier between Semlin and Nanaimo Streets;
- opposition to traffic calming components comes from church users who drive into the neighbourhood;
- ironic that the plan could never be approved in a large area vote;
- would like to see constructive dialogue with Napier and Parker Street residents;
- thanked those who changed their minds on the latest proposal, let's try it out;
- there have been three votes already; the recent polling showed only 0.2% over the required 60% support for implementation;

- unfair to change the rules to push a vote through by having the two blocks that were previously opposed excluded from voting this time;
- have been against diverters; try speed humps and no left turn signs which are less expensive;
- the Venables Street bulge is ideal;
- unless the whole area is looked at, the measures just create problems;
- suggest the bulge at Venables Street accommodate bicycling parking;
- concern about Adanac Street for cyclists as speeding cars buzz through the area and the poor line of sight for safe visibility; and
- need to slow traffic on the Adanac route in order to make it suitable for cycling.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Grandview-Woodland Traffic Calming Plan and a permanent concrete bulge at Clark Drive and Venables Street with associated lane striping be constructed as detailed in the Administrative Report dated January 23, 2006, entitled "Grandview-Woodland Traffic Calming Plan", at a cost of \$400,000.
- B. THAT Council approve funding of \$80,000 in advance of the 2006 Street Basic Capital Budget for Neighbourhood Traffic Calming with the remaining \$320,000 to be subject to approval of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget. Source of funding is provided from the 2006-2008 borrowing authority approved by plebiscites for public works.
- C. THAT commencing in 2007, the annual Operating Budget for Signage be increased by \$1,400 and the Streets Operating Budget for Traffic Calming Maintenance be increased by \$2,000, without offset and subject to 2007 Budget Review, for maintenance of the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

FEBRUARY 14, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 11:15 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic February 14, 2006

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic. Its items of business included:

1. Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway - 500 block of East 23rd Avenue
2. McBride Park Traffic - Waterloo Street Closure
3. Grandview-Woodland Traffic Calming Plan

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of February 14, 2006, as contained in items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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