

MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Bike Parking Retrofit Program for Existing Residential Developments

MOVER: Councillor Deal

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver stated in its Transportation 2040 Plan that one of its directions is to “make cycling safe, convenient, comfortable, and fun for people of all ages and abilities”, and that one of the policies and actions identified to achieve that direction is to “develop a retrofit program to make it easier to add bicycle parking and other end-of-trip facilities to existing buildings.” (Section C 2.1.2.);
2. A memorandum to Mayor and Council from Engineering Services, dated November 30, 2016, recommended the following four policies and actions to advance the Transportation 2040 Plan direction:
 - i. Create a set of design guidelines and example layouts based on best practices for building owners and consultants;
 - ii. Simplify the permitting process for requests for retrofit bicycle parking;
 - iii. Support requests from building owners and empower users through the creation of tools, forms, and templates for their use;
 - iv. Generate interest in retrofitting buildings through community events, the City of Vancouver web site, and other methods;
3. A 2016 City of Vancouver survey found that there was a deficit of up to 210,000 bike parking spaces in existing buildings, and that 20% of respondents described bike parking facilities in their building as inadequate or insecure;
4. The Coming to a Stop Report, from the 2015 Greenest City Scholars Program, found that existing by-laws provide few incentives, and several deterrents, to bike parking retrofit efforts. It reviewed a number of jurisdictions, such as San Francisco and Toronto, which have used relatively minor by-law reforms to incentivise retrofits. It concluded that the City of Vancouver should study by-law reform in other jurisdictions, adopt best practices, and encourage and assist retrofits through an easy to use Retrofit Program;
5. The Active Transportation Policy Council has identified this as a priority item and passed a motion to that effect on July 4, 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

- Ensure that policies and actions previously identified as necessary to advance the creation of bicycle parking facilities in existing residential

buildings, and as committed to in the Transportation 2040 Plan, are pursued in anticipation of timely implementation;

- Initiate work in 2018 on an effective retrofit program to make it easier to add bicycle parking and other end-of-trip facilities to existing buildings, utilizing the recommendations from a number of existing studies and reports.

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