



Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 27, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Carm Piro (Chair), Beth Revelle, Don Richardson, Briana Petersen, Nick Morrison, Greg Pace (left at 7:55 p.m.), Tim Park (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Doug Benton (left at 8:10 p.m.)

2. Member Regrets:

Jason Manayathu, Jim Young, Alexander Andrenkov, Councillor Shawna Stolte

3. Others Present:

Jeff Black (Manager of Traffic Operations and Signals), Kaylan Edgcumbe (Manager of Integrated Mobility), Steve Lucas (Transportation Planning Technologist), Dan Ozimkovic (Transportation Planning Technologist), Georgie Gartside (Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held June 21, 2021

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held June 21, 2021 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Integrated Mobility Plan

Kaylan provided the committee with a presentation on the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) that included:

- a recap of IMP process and decisions taken
- draft problem and opportunity statements
- individual mode plans
- integration of plans - feasibility screening
- draft preferred integrated network

Questions:

Has the city looked at taking old and narrow streets and turning them into one-way streets?

There are opportunities to do this and they will be looked at as one of the solutions through the implementation stage after the IMP has been approved.

Are there details related to improvements of the cycling network?

That would be a recommendation for follow up after approval of the IMP.

Will lighting be looked at for hydro lines and other multi-use trails?

Not through the IMP, but it should be looked at later through implementation.

What are the timelines and next steps?

Meetings will be scheduled with members of Council; engagement with the public is planned at the end of October, middle of November; changes to be incorporated and presented to Council in December.

Comment:

- Finland's cycling network showed that high quality cycling lanes drive adoption.

Next steps:

Additional feedback to be shared with Kaylan by October 8, 2021.

7.2 Review of 30 km/h speed limits in school zones

Jeff had updated the committee previously regarding area wide speed limits and using that as a mechanism to lower speed limits in a specified

area to the same 40km/hr limit. Council approved the initiative and staff have been looking at neighborhoods throughout the city to see what other areas would benefit from this.

In addition to this, for residential areas where the speed limit has been reduced to 40km/hr, staff are going to recommend that the school zone for that area be reduced further to 30km/hr and Jeff requested the committee's feedback on this.

Question:

How does automated speed enforcement align with this initiative?

If automated speed enforcement was implemented, the fines would be administered at 30km/hr in school zones.

Feedback:

Committee members shared their support of the reduction of school zones to 30km/hr where the residential area is 40km/hr.

7.3 Pedestrian Precinct in Burlington

On behalf of the working group tasked to look at options for Brant Street, Briana provided the committee with a presentation outlining the benefits and drawbacks of a pedestrian precinct in Burlington. The group recommended a pedestrian precinct on Brant Street, from Caroline to Pine, weekends only, starting June 21 (first day of summer) to the end of Labour Day weekend. The second location choice would be Brant Street, from James to Pine.

Questions:

Was there consideration to start it on Friday nights?

The working group didn't include Friday nights due to vehicles commuting.

Comments:

- It may affect Ribfest that runs Labour Day weekend. May also affect Sound of Music Festival in June, depending on the dates.
- Suggestions if something like this were to go forward: a market, additional transit trips to the downtown, volunteers for clean-up such as Burlington Green to help with costs, art festivals.

Motion moved by Nick:

Support the working group's report and move this forward. **Carried**

7.4 Staff updates:

a. Transportation planning

No further update.

b. Active transportation

Dan provided the following additional item to his written update:

- North Burlington Active Transportation Strategy kick off will be on November 8 (moved from Oct). It's a virtual event and details will be shared.

c. Traffic operations and signals

No update.

d. Burlington Transit

Georgie shared that Catherine was unable to attend. Any questions on the written transit update would be passed along and the answers posted with the minutes.

Questions:

What is being done about ventilation on the buses?

Burlington Transit has installed HVAC filters on the buses that are similar to filters used in the buildings. They are serviced, cleaned and replaced based on a preventative maintenance schedule.

Buses on Plains Road look full. Is Burlington Transit considering articulated buses?

At this time, the city's facility and maintenance infrastructure (hoists for example) are unable to handle articulated buses. In addition, there is no storage capacity for these larger vehicles. It may be an option/requirement when a new facility is designed.

Buses were sprayed with a cleaning agent that lasts for several years, but then they were sprayed again. Why did the buses need to be sprayed again if the cleaning agent lasts for years, and at what cost?

At the onset of the pandemic, Burlington Transit applied Aegis Microbial onto the buses. The manufacturer guarantees that this protects at 100% for a year. They have not done further studies to see if the solution lasts longer than a year, or what level of protection is provided after a year. Burlington Transit made the

decision to use this solution yearly, and budget costs are approximately \$50k per year for the entire fleet.

7.5 Roundtable updates:

a. Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee

No update.

b. Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee

No update.

c. Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee

No update.

d. Burlington Sustainable Development Advisory Committee

Tim shared the following:

- looking to align Burlington's sustainable development goals with the UN goals. This is a year-long project.
- Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington provided a presentation wanting to get Councils to adopt bird-friendly cities, including bird-friendly building and design guidelines. The Sustainable Development Committee's Awareness Sub-Committee will be reviewing this.

8. Other Business:

None.

9. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.