

MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on **Thursday, February 16, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 427/428, TransLink Offices, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver, Chair
Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey, Vice-Chair
Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster
Councillor Bruce Drake, Belcarra (alternate)
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Maria Harris, Electoral Area A

Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta
Mayor Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City
Mayor Murray Skeels, Bowen Island
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District

REGRETS:

Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Draft Agenda for the February 16, 2017 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated February 14, 2017, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public meeting scheduled February 16, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

The Chair acknowledged the recent death of a Winnipeg bus driver and called for the observation of a moment of silence in his memory.

1.3 Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2017

Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2017 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public meeting held January 26, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Funding Strategy Committee

Presentation titled "Item 2: Report of the Funding Strategy Committee", dated February 16, 2017, was provided with the agenda material.

Mayor Jonathan Coté, Chair, Mayors' Council Funding Strategy Committee, reported that the Funding Strategy Committee has met once since the January 26, 2017 Mayors' Council meeting. The Funding Strategy Committee is awaiting a series of funding announcements from senior levels of government.

Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, led the review of the presentation titled "Item 2: Report of the Funding Strategy Committee" and provided commentary on:

- Phase Two of the 10-Year Vision (Phase Two) will be delivered through two successive investment plans during 2017:
 - The investment plan focussed on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement will be submitted for approval in October 2017 to keep the project on schedule
 - The Phase Two Investment Plan will be submitted for approval in Q1 2018
- Investments to be included in Phase One of the 10-Year Vision (Phase One) and Phase Two.

It was confirmed that the next phase of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF2) would include funding for the extension of the Surrey Newton-Guildford line to Langley.

***Action Item:** TransLink staff was requested to include the preconstruction and the construction of the Surrey Newton-Guildford line extension to Langley as investments in Phase Two and Phase Three of the 10-Year Vision (Phase Three), respectively.*

***Action Item:** TransLink staff was requested to express the additional bus service to be provided in each phase of the 10-Year Vision as a percentage of the capacity shortage.*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.

CARRIED

3. Report of the Joint Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee

Documents provided with the agenda material:

- *Report dated February 10, 2017 from Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation and Policy, TransLink regarding "Report of the Joint Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee"*
- *Presentation titled "Item 3. Report of the Joint Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee".*

Mayor Richard Walton, Co-Chair, Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee (Steering Committee) reported on the progress of the Steering Committee. Mayor Walton noted that the Province has not been actively involved with the Steering Committee. However, the provincial appointee to the TransLink Board of Directors is a member of the Steering Committee and has been keeping the Province apprised of developments.

Mr. Cross led the review of a presentation titled "Item 3. Report of the Joint Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee" and highlighted:

- Purpose of the Steering Committee:
 - Work and direction to date
- Regional mobility pricing:
 - Definition endorsed by the Steering Committee
 - Three key problems to be addressed
 - Pricing objectives
 - Current pricing context
- Regional Mobility Independent Commission (Commission):
 - Scope and term
 - Composition
- Upcoming areas of Steering Committee work.

Discussion ensued on:

- Concern regarding the investments required to design the regional mobility pricing funding mechanism without the Province's commitment to support and facilitate its development and implementation:
 - The Province has committed to staying informed of the work of the Steering Committee and to advise of concerns regarding the direction of the work in a timely manner
 - The Province has declined the invitation to appoint a member to the Steering Committee
 - There is no assurance of provincial support for regional mobility pricing
 - Need to proceed with the work without the Province's full commitment and support in order to have a regional funding source in place for Phase Three
- Likelihood that there will be trade-offs in the regional mobility pricing objectives of managing congestion, maximizing fairness and supporting investment
- Suggestion to seek provincial endorsement of the Commission terms of reference, scope and composition
- Concern that the Province will require a referendum to implement regional mobility pricing
- Regional mobility pricing is the integration of existing demand management tools to fill the gaps and to achieve synergies.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation endorses the direction of the Regional Mobility Pricing Steering Committee regarding:

1. Mobility pricing definition;
2. Mobility pricing objectives;
3. Independent Commission scope; and
4. Independent Commission composition.

CARRIED

4. Transit Fare Policy Review: Phase Two Overview

Presentation titled "Item 4. Transit Fare Review Phase 2 Overview", dated February 16, 2017, was provided with the agenda material.

Andrew McCurran, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy, TransLink, led the review of the presentation titled "Item 4. Transit Fare Review Phase 2 Overview" and highlighted:

- Phase 2 public consultation process undertaken between January 30 and February 17, 2017
- Findings of the Phase 1 consultation
- Phase 2 consultation on core fare components:
 - Distance-travelled
 - Time of travel
 - Service type
- Process and Mayors' Council engagement during the remainder of the review.

Mr. Cross advised that presentations on the transit fare review could be provided to municipal councils, upon request.

Discussion ensued on:

- Whether there is the ability to vary the fare by route and time of travel
- Confirmation that support for discounts for specific segments of the population was expressed during the Phase 1 consultation and further investigation will be included in Phase 3
- Need to coordinate the objectives of the transit fare review and regional mobility pricing.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.

CARRIED

5. Revision to Mayors' Council Rules and Procedures

Report dated January 19, 2017 from Michael Buda, Executive Director, and Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, regarding "Revising the Mayors' Council Rules of Procedure" was provided with the agenda material.

Mike Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat, reviewed the report distributed with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the amended *Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of Meetings*, dated February 3, 2017, as presented in Annex 1, pending final amendments.

CARRIED

6. Public Delegations

Report regarding "Written Submission – Mr. Greg Felton" was provided with the agenda material.

Mr. Felton commented that the current TransLink governance structure is unconstitutional and TransLink is not entitled to raise or spend money because it is unaccountable to the taxpayer. Mr. Felton suggested that the Mayors' Council submit a brief to the Supreme Court to have the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Act* declared unconstitutional.

7. Termination

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation on Regional Transportation Public Meeting held February 16, 2017, be now terminated.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:53 a.m.)

Certified Correct:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.