

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING GROUP – 2401 Burnside Road

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Eagle Creek Village - Quality Foods Community Meeting Room

### Present:

Errol Nordstrom, BC Transit

Lori Beaulieu, BC Transit

Geoff Huber, BC Transit

Miranda Benn, Burnside Neighbourhood

Doug Ferrier, Burnside Neighbourhood

Melanie Austin, Burnside Neighbourhood

Jenny Schenk, The Nest Coffee Shop

Don Monsour, Accessibility Transportation Advisory Committee

Bill Emile, Esquimalt Anglers Streamkeepers

Dallas Perry, handyDART operations

Alf Eamer, Our Place/Choices Therapeutic Recovery Centre

Gerry Gaydos, View Royal Climate Action Coalition (alternate for Linda Jeurond)

Chair, Katie Hamilton, Tavola Strategy Group

Lacey Maxwell, Tavola Strategy Group

### Regrets:

Linda Jeurond, View Royal Climate Action Coalition

Ed Pullman, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition

### New Business:

- Katie Hamilton called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- Roundtable introductions and participants took turns communicating why they decided to take part in the working group
  - Jenny Schenk
    - Wants more information
    - Concerned about the facility affecting business to her café
  - Miranda Benn
    - Originally was very opposed of the project
    - Concerned about the creek
    - Concerned about increase in traffic, property values in the area
    - Understands the need for more handyDART service and wants to be involved in the process
  - Melanie Austin
    - Frequents the Nest and Galloping Goose Trail
    - Concerned about the environmental impacts of the facility
    - Would like information on how this project came to be

- Don Monsour
  - Wants to work towards the best outcome
- Doug Ferrier
  - Concerned about the environmental impacts of the facility
  - Concerned about the health of the creek and the salmon population
  - Eager to see overall concepts and plans
- Bill Emile
  - Concerned about the environmental impacts of the facility
  - Concerned about the health of the creek and the surrounding habitat
- Gerry Gaydos
  - Would like to see a facility with zero combustion
  - Wants to work towards the best possible outcome
  - Must be a modern, sustainable project
  - Pushing for fleet to be fully electric at time of opening
- Errol Nordstrom began the PowerPoint Presentation that provided overview of BC Transit service, handyDART service, shift from diesel buses to electric and gas, property and encumbrances, next steps in process.
  - Question: How much land has been consolidated by BC Transit for expanding their conventional fleet?
  - Question: How many buses are currently in the handyDART fleet, and how many will be at the facility in total?
  - Question: Are there funds available to purchase an electric fleet?
    - Many interested in what funding options there are to support this
  - Question: What is LEED?
  - Question: Is there a project schedule available?
  - Attendees voiced concerns about light pollution
  - Attendees voiced concerns over the fleet and the impacts to the surrounding environment
    - Runoff, silt, grade
  - Attendees voiced concerns over the Western Painted Turtle habitat on the site
  - Question: Why was this site chosen?
  - Question: What mitigations are there for the creek?
  - Question: Will the facility be built using ISO standards?
  - Question: Is there data from View Royal on who is for it and who is against?
- Errol committed to providing detailed information at next meeting.
- Katie Hamilton discussed role of neighbourhood working group and parallel consultation process with local First Nations.
- PowerPoint presentation concluded
- Roundtable discussion expressing their hopes and fears for the working group
  - Hopes
    - Everyone can work together and find solutions for all
    - Encouraged by a positive gathering of people from throughout the community
    - Everyone will be honest and transparent

- There will be new information brought forward at each meeting
- Fears
  - Some within the group are not from the neighbourhood
- Follow-up questions/comments to be forwarded to Chair for distribution amongst group

**Actions agreed to be taken:**

- Someone involved in the project to come speak regarding the overall site plan and project budget
- Someone to come speak on the fleet and flexibility of bus sizes.
- Additional information about LEED Gold Standards
- Provide milestone project schedule
- Provide information on electrification and low carbon options
- Provide traffic studies
- Provide environmental testing results
- Information on mitigations planned for Craigflower Creek
- Examples of facilities BC Transit has built by creeks
  - Whistler
  - Abbotsford

**Next Steps:**

1. Schedule next meeting(s) and agenda, including a site visit – March
2. Katie to develop topics/mitigation register prior to next meeting
3. BC Transit to update website with all studies that have been completed or are underway
4. NWG minutes to be circulated to working group members and posted to BC Transit project page [www.bctransit.com/viewroyal/handydart](http://www.bctransit.com/viewroyal/handydart)