



Delegation to June 9, 2014 Council

Mayor Goldring, Council and staff,

The BurlingtonGreen Transportation Committee would like to offer the following comments regarding Report CL-7-14 Review of Burlington Transit Advisory Committee.

We understand that the Development & Infrastructure Committee agreed to Sunset the current BTAC and establish an integrated transportation committee with representation from various active transportation committees such as Cycling Advisory Committee, Sustainable Development Committee and active transit users from the public to be consulted on key issues and projects and to offer a platform for feedback that can be provided to Council.

We agree that an Integrated Transportation Committee is a good idea as it focuses on Burlington transportation as a whole and should provide input on all forms of transportation and their co-development.

However, we have some concerns and suggestions for the new Committee:

1. We think it is essential that city determine why the current BTAC became moribund, with no output and a lack of quorum at their meetings to make sure any new committee is structured so it doesn't end up in the same predicament.
2. We question why transit would be included only as a part of the Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (ITAC) while other transportation advisory committees like the Cycling Advisory and The Road Safety Committees continue to exist outside the ITAC as well. This may result in confusion from overlapping mandates and possible conflicting priorities.

It could also diminish the focus on transit relative to other transportation areas with their own dedicated committees.

Finally, although we are fully in agreement with consulting community groups for transit input, it would be better to also have an official Council Advisory Group with specific terms of reference to assure ITAC's objectives are met - Community Groups' "terms of reference" may

be different from those of ITAC's, leading to skewed comment and input. Also, community groups' composition and mandates can change over time so obtaining input from a specific transit sub committee in addition to that from "active transit users" would likely provide a more varied and comprehensive views as well as ongoing experience from a committee being involved over a long term.

3. Given the above, we would recommend that ITAC terms of reference include:
 - Organizing all existing transportation and pedestrian related committees as sub committees under ITAC.
 - Adding a transit sub committee to ensure an ongoing focus on transit development and issues.
 - Adding mobility hubs and land-use/transportation planning integration as they are key components for Burlington transportation development.
 - Having at least an annual review of progress in achieving the Strategic Plan Transportation objectives to measure progress and report on issues or problems.
 - Make sure that the new committee has a mandate, terms of reference and policies and support and resources that will assure it will not also end up like the Transit Advisory Committee.

Thanks you,

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