



Metro Vancouver Mobility Pricing Independent Commission

Meeting 1

July 28, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Mobility Pricing Independent Commission (MPIC) held on Thursday, July 28, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Doctors of BC Boardroom, 1665 West Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia.

PRESENT:

Allan Seckel, Chair

Joy McPhail, Vice-Chair

Jennifer Clarke

Harj Dhaliwal

Paul Landry

Lori MacDonald

Gavin McGarrigle (arrived at 2:00 p.m.)

Michael McKnight

Bruce Rozenhart

Philip (Pip) Steele

Grace Wong

REGRETS:

Iain Black

Graham McCargar

Elizabeth Model

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel Firth

Vincent Gonsalves

Raymond Kan

Fearghal King

Lindsay Neufeld

Catherine Rockandel, Facilitator

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Chair's Welcome

Allan Seckel, Chair, opened the meeting, adding that discussions should remain open, respectful and welcoming of varying viewpoints and questions.

2. Project Background

Daniel Firth referred to an overhead presentation and the report "Metro Vancouver Mobility Pricing Independent Commission, Background Material", and offered comments on:

- The Commission’s mandate and direction to evaluate mobility pricing options for Metro Vancouver (MV) based on the objectives to:
 - Manage congestion
 - Promote fairness
 - Support investment

***Action Item:** Mr. Firth was requested to include a discussion on potential “outcomes” and “principles” on the agenda of a future MPIC meeting.*

***Action Item:** Mr. Firth was requested to email the overhead presentations reviewed at the meeting to Commissioners.*

3. Understanding the Commission’s Role and Function

Catherine Rockandel, Facilitator, invited Commissioners to work in pairs to discuss successes they had each personally experienced on other boards or commissions.

Based on their paired discussions, Commissioners subsequently recognized some successful approaches of effective boards and commissions, including:

- Establishing a common goal and set of values by which to function
- Having informal discussions, which increases members’ willingness to be open, connected, innovative and creative
- Committing to fairly resolving issues and staying focused
- Working towards achieving consensus, while:
 - Respectfully and collaboratively sharing priorities and opinions
 - Listening to and understanding each others’ perspectives
 - Ensuring all participants have an opportunity to fairly share ideas
 - Prioritizing issues and generously compromising where required.

4. High Level Workplan

Mr. Firth displayed and reviewed information regarding the MPIC’s 2017-18 Budget, noting that the funding allocated to the Commission for the next nine months, was primarily for professional services and administration.

***Action Item:** Staff was requested to redefine the “South of the Fraser” group referenced in Workplan, given its vast geographic area.*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission approves the “Mobility Pricing Independent Commission, Draft – High Level Work Plan” dated July 19, 2017, subject to further information on the communication process, after a Communications Consultant has been retained.

CARRIED

Mr. Firth reported that:

- The Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Mayors' Council in late September 2017
- The next meeting of the MPIC (Meeting 2) will receive the updated Workplan and may consider a resolution to send the Workplan to the Joint Steering Committee, for information and comment
- The Secretariat will send Commissioners an email (with a link to an online scheduling tool) to assist in scheduling upcoming MPIC meetings.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

***Action Item:** Mr. Firth to send an email to Commissioners with:*

- *A sample invoice template (including required details) for Commissioners to use when invoicing for their participation on the MPIC; and*
- *Copies of the signed letters confirming their appointment to the MPIC.*

5. Project Values and Goals

The Facilitator welcomed Commissioners to brainstorm on project values, goals and objectives.

6. Short Term Priorities and Next Steps

Mr. Firth acknowledged feedback offered with respect to the Commission's priorities and next steps.

7. Reflecting Back – Looking Forward

Commissioners were commended for their keen participation and perspectives shared during the meeting's earlier discussions.

During discussion on "communications", comments were offered on:

- Research which indicates how incorrect messaging can impact public opinion
- Communicating benefits of infrastructure improvements
- Supporting perceptions of equity, fairness and long term sustainability
- Challenges in addressing complex problems with multiple and varied geographies.

8. Other Business

The Chair and Vice Chair extended appreciation to the Facilitator, the Secretariat and Commissioners, and agreed to discuss the meeting's conversations, with the Commissioners who were unable to attend.

9. Closing Summary

The July 28, 2017 Meeting of the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Allan Seckel, Chair

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.