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Right up to the deadline!

Rush, race, panic, preparations, Santa soon!

First what I wrote for Mayor & Ccl (and includes staff and all WV residents), read out at the last ccl mtg of the year:

*'Twas 13 nights before Christmas and all through the Hall
Ccl was in session and we were listening to them all
This time outside there was no clatter
No one asked what was the matter
Will be a while before the reindeer are here
and Santa Claus will come with plenty of cheer
and
from me, I wish you all a Happy New Year!*

Great time of year -- and, it's for everyone -- we're all friends.

Christmas has multi-cultural roots, belongs to all of us.

When the Greeks came over to Rome proselytizing they changed the name of the Romans' year-end celebration from Saturnalia to Christmas. The other day the Vancouver Sun had a photo of a Rabbi in a Santa Claus outfit.

It's Canada -- we also celebrate Diwali, Gung Hay Fat Choy, Nowruz, etc.....

Join in -- we can all spread the good will and love...

We'll all glow tomorrow!

HEREWITH; Volunteering; my gift to you; THE END

-- and then info on the B-Line specially to keep those interested updated (and confused?) but nothing below it so you can stop at the 'bells'.

Actually, there was more for this issue but want it to be short; apologies for unintentional omissions.

If you're passionate about West Vancouver as I am, you may wish to volunteer. The deadline is Dec 31st -- a recent notice from DWV:

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

Citizen participation on committees and working groups is key to helping Council make decisions on behalf of all residents. There are three opportunities available now on the Community Engagement Committee. This committee supports District engagement by providing input and feedback into consultation plans on specific projects.

We are accepting applications until December 31 for the term starting March 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2020.

Learn more and download the application form:

☆ PROVINCIAL AWARD

Speaking of volunteering, got the text of the Mayor's announcement Dec 3rd of a provincial award to a mbr of the WVPD (not yet in my Ccl Mtg notes, alas):

On November 22, 2018, the West Vancouver Police Department's **Constable Jeff Palmer** received the 'Award of Meritorious Service' from the Province of British Columbia for his "outstanding commitment and dedication to policing". The award was presented to Constable Palmer by Lt.-Gov. Janet Austin and Minister of Public Safety Mike Farnworth for his work in building relationships within the community, particularly in building stronger police relationships with local First Nations.

{ BTW: Personally, have appreciated his support, esp of the annual RoyalTea-by-the-Sea (no, the attendees are never unruly!) :-) }



SOME BEARS ARE LUCKY!



OOPS!

LATE ADDITION -- POLAR BEAR SWIM

Watching Global Local news and what to my wond'ring eyes shd appear but G! They were reporting on the cancellation of the 2019 White Rock Polar Bear swim and pulled footage from back in 2013!

See: <https://globalnews.ca/video/embed/4793708> (starting around 4:17 into the broadcast).

That orange blob running into the water is you-know-who, wearing an orange hazmat outfit and waving an orange pool noodle. (In fact, that year he did the rounds that day, going in in Port Moody, Deep Cove, and English Bay. It will only be the last one in 2019.)



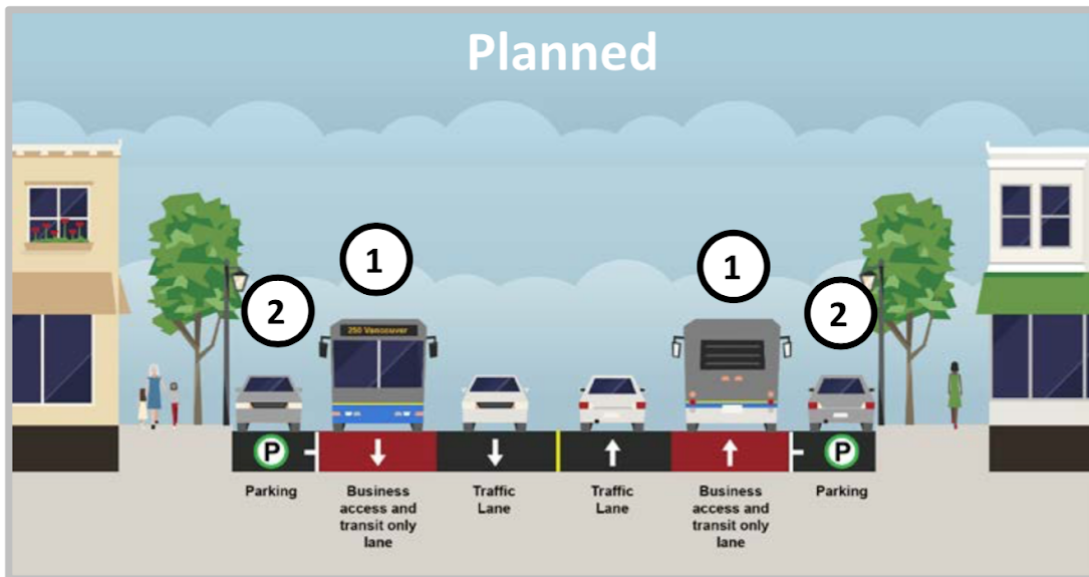
A present for you: NO email from WVM on Christmas Day or Boxing Day :-)

Have a GREAT Christmas, enjoy the day and each other -- we're so lucky to be here, and esp in WV!

This is the end unless you want to read more about the B-Line.....

ANOTHER WHOOPS!

Something we'll investigate/research is any difference(s) between this drawing (just below) on the DWV website, and the text of the (newer) statements below (under the bells) with respect to the District's claiming that the two "transit only" lanes do not represent "lane closures".



1: Right vehicle lane converted to right-turn and bus-only lane:

- Used by B-Line and other West Vancouver bus routes, such as the 250
- Vehicles can use bus-only lane to:
 - turn right at intersections
 - access street parking
 - access driveways/businesses

2: Minimal change to street parking

- Some parking reduced at three intersections to accommodate left-turn bay

CONUNDRUM?

The District states there will be no "lane closures". If a lane cannot be used by cars heading through Dundarave and Ambleside, then *G* interprets it as the lane being, for all intents and purposes, closed; hard to interpret the District's language.



{NB: read on at your own risk; probably better to get a hot rum and eggnog, get comfortable, and sip while on a soft sofa...}



B-LINE

First, a link to the statement on the website, followed by an update received from DWV.

B-LINE CONSULTATION CONTINUES IN THE NEW YEAR

There has been much discussion in the community about the proposed B-Line from Dundarave to Phibbs exchange. We know residents are passionate about our community and want what's best for West Vancouver.

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For the full webpage, click on: <https://westvancouver.ca/news/b-line-consultation-continues-new-year>



B-LINE UPDATE

From: **Kristi Merilees** <kmerilees@westvancouver.ca>

Date: **Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 3:16 PM**

Subject: B-Line consultation continues in the New Year: Message from Mayor Mary-Ann Booth

Good afternoon,

Please see the message below from Mayor Mary-Ann Booth regarding next steps in the B-Line consultation.

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Why is West Vancouver considering the B-Line?

The Official Community Plan (OCP) supports the B-Line

The Official Community Plan policy 2.4.8 specifically says "Support the expansion of frequent transit services, prioritizing connections between Park Royal and Dundarave by expanding bus priority measures and transit-supportive road treatments along Marine Drive to improve reliability and speed of transit service, and to facilitate future rapid bus service."

Throughout the OCP engagement process, we heard significant interest in expanding housing and transportation choices as well as concern about climate change and social equity.

The relationship among these topics is important to understand. For example, providing transportation options for those who cannot drive (for reasons of age, health or income) is a component of social equity. Reducing automobile dependence is a component of addressing climate change. The lack of affordable housing means that nearly three-quarters of our workforce and approximately one-quarter of our school students commute into West Vancouver every day. This contributes to traffic congestion, road maintenance costs, pedestrian safety concerns, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Further, 80% of West Vancouver residents drive to work in and through the community.

The Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP) supports the B-Line

To address the North Shore's address traffic congestion issue, a multi-level government initiative comprising both elected and technical representatives known as the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project was recently completed. The INSTPP report finds that there's no single solution that will reduce congestion, but there are a series of incremental measures that will make a difference. The proposed B-Line is one of those measures.

There is a real need for buses in Ambleside and Dundarave

We can't simply expand the road infrastructure, so we need to focus on transporting more people through our existing roadway systems, and transit helps with that. In fact, buses represent 4% of the vehicles through Ambleside but moves 35% of all the people travelling in Ambleside!

Automated Passenger Counters on the buses and Compass card data show there are 20,800 boardings on West Vancouver buses each day. Many passengers depend on transit to come to West Vancouver for work or school from other parts of the North Shore, Vancouver, and even beyond. In fact, over 4,000 boardings occur daily between Dundarave and Ambleside alone, including students, seniors, and those not able to drive.

What's in the proposed plan?

No lane closures are involved

The proposed street changes do not close lanes. The proposed changes provide priority measures for all types of traffic using the roads.

Currently, car traffic gets stuck behind vehicles parking or turning right in the right lane, and behind left-turners in the left lane. The proposal is to create a priority lane for car traffic in the centre lane. Dedicated left turn bays on Marine Drive at 13th, 15th and 17th will improve the flow of through-traffic, as will the elimination of left turns at 14th and 16th Streets.

With through-traffic in the centre lane, the right lane will be for cars parking, cars turning right, and buses.

Proposed parking loss is minimal

The curb lane will be retained for street parking. A small number of parking spots (approximately 15 of more than 500 spots) will be taken over to provide space for dedicated left turn bays at 13th, 15th and 17th Streets.

- **Plan benefits for West Vancouver**
- More reliable public transportation supports local businesses by making the commute to West Vancouver less of an obstacle to employees.
- Employees who take transit to work don't take up parking spots
- Employees and students who take transit also remove cars from West Vancouver's roads
- Residents who don't have the option of driving have better access to transit
- Effective transit will bring more customers to West Vancouver business areas because they don't have to deal with traffic and parking issues
- Extended bus operating hours (6 a.m. to 1 a.m.)
- More frequent service (every 8 minutes)
- Direct service from West Vancouver to Lonsdale Quay and the Seabus

Consultation to date

The B-Line project has not yet been fully designed. In November 2018, TransLink hosted, at the District's request, two public information meetings and one meeting for the Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association. The information presented was the result of years of planning.

The corridor was first identified for rapid transit as part of the North Shore Area Transit Plan in 2012. The TransLink Mayor's Council (of which the District is a member) confirmed funding for the Marine-Main B-Line as one of four B-Line projects in 2016. TransLink then conducted public consultation on the B-Line during the summer of 2018, and received 1,692 survey responses, spoke directly to 508 people, and attended 7 public events across the North Shore, including two in West Vancouver.

Next steps

West Vancouver Council has met with TransLink to discuss the details of the proposed project and has another meeting scheduled with TransLink in early January. The timing of the project is still being considered, as are the details.

The District will host a Community Conversation meeting in mid to late January in order to collect community input.

Watch for details to be announced early in the New Year.

About TransLink

TransLink is a regional transportation authority and is overseen by the Mayors' Council

TransLink is governed by the [South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act](#), responsible for managing and operating the regional transportation system that moves people and goods while supporting the regional growth strategy, provincial and regional environmental objectives, and the economic development of the transportation service region.

TransLink must prepare a 10-year investment plan every three years and present it to the Mayor's Council for approval. This becomes a [Regional Transportation Strategy](#). TransLink's current investment plan, approved by the Mayors' Council, includes a North Shore B-Line that will relieve congestion and improve east-west transportation across the North Shore.

Thank you,

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