

The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

Motion to Establish Transportation Priorities

WHEREAS climate change is an issue of vital local, national and global importance and local initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouses gases will contribute to protecting air quality and public health;

WHEREAS the Province has set a target to reduce green house gas emissions by 33% below current levels by 2020;

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada;

WHEREAS alternates modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and public transit reduces the number of motor vehicle trips and thus reduces greenhouse gas emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Oak Bay develop a policy that would give preference to modes of transportation in the following order:
 - a. Pedestrian
 - b. Cycling
 - c. Public Transit
 - d. Motor vehicles
2. That staff be directed to bring forward a discussion paper with options on how best to achieve this in the budget year 2011.
3. That in the budget year 2010 staff be encouraged to incorporate the priorities set out in paragraph one in any municipal transportation improvements undertaken.