

**Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**November 26, 2024**  
**In person in the library and online via Google Meet**

PAC Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Arvind Ghataurah (Co-Chair), Julie Cole (Treasurer), Pam Dean (Secretary), Kelly Hamilton (Communications/CPF rep), Ruby Langan (member at large), Angela Ruth (member at large)  
PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Caregivers & family members  
Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal)  
Guests: City of Vancouver (Cam Pearson & Liliana Quintero)

Meeting start 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and introduction by Lindsie Tomlinson, PAC chair

*We live, work, learn, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and selíłwítlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations*

2. Accept October minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson)

Motioned by Arvind, Seconded by Julie, Approved

**3. Principal's Report**

- Mid-semester learning updates were published last Friday. Log into myEd to see the report card. Any questions can be directed to teachers directly or to counsellors (email addresses are on the website)
- Fundraisers for the Canley Cup (student council fundraiser to support local food banks). Last week the senior volleyball team played against the teachers and today in the cafeteria students could buy a piece of duct tape to tape Mr Moon or Mr Li to the wall.
- Winter formal dance for Grade 11 & 12 is Dec 18
- Grade 12s can now book appointments for grad photos (photos that go on composite and given to students when they cross the stage). Photo sessions are in the Artona studio. Book online on the Artona website.
- Dec 4 is the band concert
- Dec 11 is the strings and choir concert
- Screenagers showing was last week (addressing youth mental health and use of screens). Very successful evening. Hope to have another evening like this in April. Organized by the admin team and the counsellors.

4. **City of Vancouver presentation** (Cam Pearson & Liliana Quintero)

School Travel Planning (STP) Program: they work with school communities to identify and address barriers to active school travel. Goal is to improve walking, cycling, and rolling around the school.

Last school year, they completed the first part of the program and collected data including a virtual walking tour, meeting with both students and parents, site visits, and a take-home survey to students. Low response rate in surveys (common problem).

Found that:

47% of students take transit

31% walk

14% drive/ are driven

4% bike

Based on the information gathered, they came up with a draft action plan that they presented (more details attached at the end of the minutes).

Noted the high percentage of students using sustainable transport options. They want to ensure safety around these modes of transport.

They wondered if there is a need for more accessible parking spots. Reach out to them if this is a concern.

The full detailed plan will be provided. Work involves:

- Increasing the length of pedestrian crossing times at lights nearby and close to skytrain station
- Refreshing painted road markings (crosswalks, stop lines)
- Sidewalk repair, improvements
- Implement 3min parking areas for drop off / pick up on Penticton, beside school

Questions/Concerns brought up by parents:

Q: What is the timeline for the program / what follow up is there? Response: They implement changes and will have a survey to close out the program (spring 2026, once the planned work has been implemented). In the meantime, the school can follow up with the City to provide feedback and request any other changes.

Q: There are some shrubs at Penticton & Broadway (south side) that cause visibility issues. Can the city implement a flashing light to warn drivers that there are pedestrians? Response: City says no because it is technically not a cross walk there. There are cross walks with lights at the north side of Broadway at Penticton and students should be crossing there.

Q: On Penticton St beside the school, off shoots from trees are sticking out onto the road so cars are not parking close to the curb and are sticking out on the road. Mr Moro brought up that the trees are also an issue for visibility of pedestrians on the sidewalks. Response: The City can put in a request for this to be dealt with (tree trimming).

Q: There is a bus that drops off students with disabilities but no designated spot for the bus. Response: Can think about putting a spot on Penticton St for the bus. Mr Moro noted that the bus also does some drop-offs in front of the school on Broadway where there are no stairs for those with accessibility issues.

Q: Can there be more transit buses at the appropriate times to help get students to school? Buses are often too packed for all students to be able to get on and transit is a major mode of transport. Response: The city will follow up with the transit group and voice our concerns.

Q: Is there a place to safely lock up a motorized scooter? Response: No, there are only traditional bike racks at the school (no bike cages, although it was noted that these are also not completely secure). The city can mention this to VSB Facilities.

Q: Will they share the slides they presented tonight? Response: Yes, and they will share a document with full descriptions of the planned work.

#### Education and Encouragement programs

Walk Bike Roll mini grants for \$500. The PAC can apply for the grant next school year (Sept/Oct) to implement programs such as: Walk and wheel events (bike to school week, etc); bike workshops; safety tips and messaging; Drive to 5 campaign (better drop off location by park, etc, a 5 min walk away from school)

#### Next steps:

The city will make amendments to the plan based on feedback

Programs will be implemented as outlined over the next year

Final update with follow up survey (spring 2026)

Any questions/comments/feedback, please feel free to reach out to:

[schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca](mailto:schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca)

#### **5. Treasurer's report (Julie)**

Full report attached here. We received the gaming grant in November, giving us a balance of \$51,221.33. Outstanding expenses of \$4,384.25 owed from last year were paid to the school. At the last meeting, we approved \$24,104.31 to be paid to various school programs this semester (yet to be dispersed). This leaves \$22,732.77 available for next semester teacher's requests.

Arvind explained a bit about the gaming grant. This is something we have to apply for each year and if awarded, are given an amount based on number of students in the school. All money has to be accounted for and receipts all

have to be provided. There are maximum amounts to be carried over to the next school year and those would have to be spent within a certain amount of time. There are also a lot of rules around eligible use of the funds. More info can be provided or found online.

6. DPAC update – no DPAC reps were present

7. Communications update (Kelly)

- **SACY** (Supporting and Connecting Youth - Substance Use Health Promotion Initiative). We have invited someone to come speak at a future PAC meeting (potentially in January)
- Planning is underway for the **mural** installation in the front foyer; updates will be provided to the PAC; someone asked if we'll see mural sketches before work fully begins (Kelly will reach out to ask)
- **Van Tech Holiday Hampers** – leadership and resiliency program put together hampers for ~150 families. Cash contributions appreciated (tax receipts provided automatically for donations of \$20 or more) and classes will collect non-perishables to be included. More info sent by email from the school and in latest newsletter.

**Direct donation link:**

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=Vancouver%20Technical%20Secondary%20-%20Holiday%20Hampers>

**Next PAC meeting will be Jan 28.** The meeting in February will be for allocating remaining gaming grant money for semester 2.

Please reach out to the PAC ([chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)) if anyone has ideas for discussion / inviting speakers, etc

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm

**Van Tech PAC Financial Statements**

2024 - 2025 School Year

November 26, 2024 PAC Meeting

**Van Tech PAC Gaming Account**

Account Balance at August 1, 2024	19,161.33
2024 - 2025 BC Gaming Grant - Received November 2024	<u>32,060.00</u>
Total Gaming Funds Available for 2024 - 2025 School Year	51,221.33

Gaming Account Disbursements

August 2024	
September 2024	
October 2024	
November 2024	
E-sports	324.41
Library	134.99
GSA - Rainbow Café	89.51
Camp LRP	1,197.00
Music Therapy	100.00
Sensory Room	400.97
Library	300.65
Music Program	1,674.72
Boys Connection Group	62.00
BCCPAC Membership	100.00
November 2024 Total	<u>4,384.25</u>
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	4,384.25

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at November 26, 2024 46,837.08

Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year

August 2024	
September 2024	
October 2024	24,104.31
November 2024	
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year	<u>24,104.31</u>

Total Gaming Funds Available 22,732.77

**Van Tech PAC General Account**

Account Balance at August 1, 2024 855.96

General Account Disbursements

August 2024	-
September 2024	-
October 2024	-
November 2024	-
Total General Account Disbursements for 2024 - 2025	<u>-</u>

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at November 26, 2024 855.96

Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at November 26, 2024 23,588.73

# Appendix A: Action Plan

Item	Details	Complete	Comments
<b>City of Vancouver</b>			
School Active Travel Planning Report	Initial Report	Fall 2024	
	Follow-Up Report	Anticipated 2025	
Hands-Up and Take-Home School Travel Surveys	Baseline Surveys	Spring 2024	
	Follow-Up Surveys	Anticipated 2025	
Infrastructure Map	Map	Spring 2024	
	Map Update	Anticipated 2025	For distribution by school.
Parking Map	Map	--	
	Map Update	Anticipated 2025	For distribution by school.
Slocan St & E 12th Av	Install crosswalk with curb bulges at north leg	Anticipated 2025	To improve visibility and comfort of pedestrians.
Penticton St & E Broadway	Retime pedestrian signals to 0.8 m/s	Anticipated 2025	

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Slocan St & E Broadway	Retime pedestrian signals to 0.8 m/s and add a Leading Pedestrian Interval	Anticipated 2025	To improve visibility and comfort of pedestrians.
Slocan St & Grandview Hwy S			
Nanaimo St & Grandview Hwy N	Retime pedestrian signals to 1 m/s	Anticipated 2025	
Nanaimo St & Grandview Hwy S	Retime pedestrian signals to 1 m/s and add a Leading Pedestrian Interval	Anticipated 2025	
Kaslo St & Grandview Hwy S			
Renfrew St & E 12th Av/Hebb Av			
Renfrew St & Grandview Hwy N	Retime pedestrian signals to 1 m/s	Anticipated 2025	
Penticton St & Grandview Hwy N	Repaint stop bars	Anticipated 2025	
Penticton St & E 8th Av			

Item	Details	Complete	Comments
Parking changes near school	Change “No Parking School Days” signs to “3 Min Parking” signs on Penticton St (between E Broadway and E 10th Av)	Anticipated 2025	Monitor and review as needed. Parking changes will support safe pick-up behaviour.
Parking changes near school	Install accessibility zone near Penticton St and E Broadway	Anticipated 2025	Monitor and review as needed. Parking changes will support safe pick-up behaviour.
Extend corner clearance	Install corner clearance south of school driveway on Slocan St	Anticipated 2025	To improve visibility, safety, and pedestrian comfort.
Active Travel Programs and Initiatives Support	Support school and PAC in implementing active travel events, programs, and initiatives	Ongoing	To encourage students and parents to choose active travel options.
<b>Van Tech Secondary School</b>			
Active Travel Programs & Projects	Consider active travel programs throughout the school year	Ongoing	Examples include “Walk Bike Roll Mini Grants” or “Drive to 5”.
Active Travel Speakers	Invite speakers to educate students about active travel	Ongoing	Speakers include the VPD or local bike shops.
Regular Active Travel Events	Consider regular (weekly or monthly) active travel events or celebrations	Ongoing	Examples include “Walk & Wheel Wednesday” or “Freedom Friday”.










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<b>Van Tech Secondary PAC</b>			
Active Travel Weeks	Register for HUB's Bike to School Week	Anticipated 2022 and ongoing	These annual events promote and encourage active travel.
Active Travel Programs	Consider active travel programs throughout the school year	Ongoing	Examples include "Drive to 5" and "Walking School Bus."
<b>Vancouver Police Department (VPD)</b>			
Pedestrian Safety Presentation	Present to students on walking tips and safety	Timing dependent on the school	To encourage safe walking behaviour.
Enforcement - Moving Violations	Enforce any moving violations as requested by the school	Ongoing	To encourage safe pick-up and drop-off behaviours

# School Travel Planning - Existing Infrastructure Map



## LEGEND

-  School Zone Signage
-  Traffic Signal
-  Pedestrian-Activated Signal
-  Speed Hump
-  No Exit Sign
-  Marked Crosswalk
-  Rail Crossing

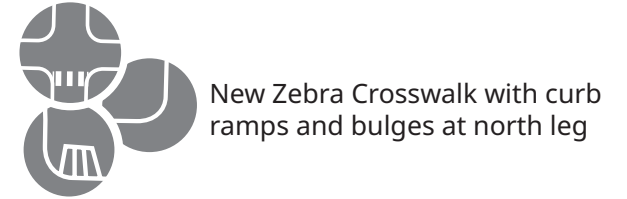
Disclaimer: This map is produced as a public resource for general information purposes only. The City, its employees, officers, directors and representatives do not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained therein nor warrant the safety of any route, highway, road, street, designated cycling route or other shown in the map information.

# Vancouver Technical Secondary Infrastructure Improvements

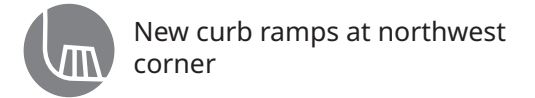


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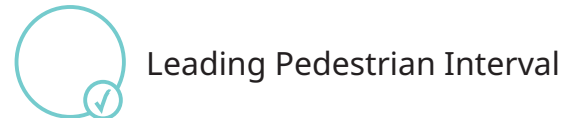
### Slocan St & E 12th Av



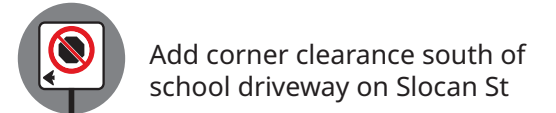
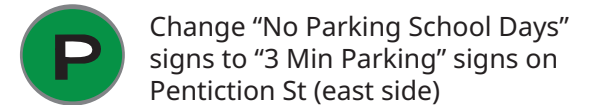
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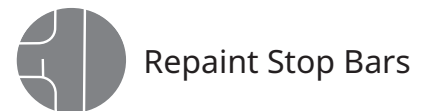
### Signal changes



### Parking changes



### Maintenance





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