

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
City Hall Committee Room
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Fox (Chair)
Appointed Councillor, Charles Mealey
Manager of Operations, Clinton Wright
Ministry of Transportation, Jessica Learn
Manager of Community Policing, Dave Cusson
Director of Corporate Services, Donna Monteith [Recording Secretary]

Absent: ICBC, Peggy Gibbs
ICBC, Caroline Robinson
SD 70, Larry Ransom

Gallery: 2

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be amended to include an item under New Business D.6 'Correspondence – Industrial Traffic Harbour Road'. The agenda was then adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B. DELEGATIONS

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Create Terms of Reference for Advisory Traffic Committee

A draft Terms of Reference for this committee has been created. It will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

2. Update required regarding the roundabout at Beaver Creek Rd. and River Rd.

The final design will be distributed, along with date for works to be completed when available. The work is most likely to take place in 2024 or 2025.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from J. Dame of PA Play Academy, 5350 Margaret Street, requesting the City of Port Alberni consider installing a crosswalk at the crossing of Helen Street and Lathom Road.

Correspondence regarding the installation of a crosswalk at Helen Street and Lathom Road was discussed.

Item referred to the Manager of Operations for review and comment.

2. **Request from a resident requesting a crosswalk light to be installed at the crosswalk at 4th Avenue and Argyle Street.**

Correspondence regarding installation of a crosswalk light at 4th Avenue and Argyle Street was discussed. While it is close to another lighted intersection, Chair Fox spoke to the development of the Transportation Master Plan, along with a report to Council in the future which will cover such topics as streetscapes, bump outs, street width, and traffic calming. The report to Council will enable input to be included in the Transportation Master Plan.

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Advisory Traffic Committee recommend to Council that the 4th Avenue and Argyle Street intersection be considered within the Transportation Master Plan for inclusion of a crosswalk light.

CARRIED

3. **Request from L. Thibodeau, Support Worker and Community Inclusion Worker, requesting a crosswalk to be installed at Mary Street and River Road, due to safety concerns trying to access the bus stop on River Road.**

Correspondence regarding a crosswalk be installed at Mary Street and River Road was discussed.

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff investigate traffic and pedestrian flow along the entirety of River Road, and report back to the committee.

CARRIED

4. **Letters from residents in the area of the 3900 block of 6th Ave. and Maitland Street expressing concerns regarding excessive speeding and the ongoing traffic noise primarily due to commercial truck traffic throughout the day and night.**

The Committee discussed several pieces of correspondence, as well as heard from two residents from the gallery regarding excessive speeding and traffic noise along the 3900 block of 6th Avenue and Maitland Street. The residents state this is primarily commercial truck traffic. They asked if the trucks could be routed through Roger Street rather than Redford, thus staying out of residential areas. Chair Fox explained the Transportation Master Plan will have trucking routes incorporated into it. Once the Master Plan is completed and approved, the City will create bylaws and policies to enable enforcement. D. Cusson, Manager of Community Policing, will dedicate more Speed Watch time to this area.

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Advisory Traffic Committee recommend to Council the areas of the 3900 Block of 6th Avenue and Maitland Street be included for review in the Roads Master Plan, specifically regarding where commercial truck routes should be located.

CARRIED

5. **Implementation of bike lanes on Johnston Road, does MOTI support this?**
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) representative, J. Learn, commented that MOTI is open to working with the City. They will review any plans provided to them and hope to work on a vision together.

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Advisory Traffic Committee recommend to Council that the collaborative development of multi modal transportation on Johnston Road between the City of Port Alberni and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be brought to public engagement and included in the Transportation Master Plan.

CARRIED

6. **Industrial Traffic Harbour Road**
Correspondence from H. Thompson regarding vehicles parking on the train tracks along Harbour Road and hindering industrial traffic use was discussed. Chair Fox explained this issue will be addressed in the Transportation Master Plan.

Item referred to the Manager of Operations to review opportunities for signage.

ADJOURNMENT

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J. MacDonald, Chair

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

October 18, 2023

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Charles Mealey
Mike Fox – CAO
Donna Monteith – Director of Corporate Services
Clinton Wright – Manager of Operations
Crystal Hiltunen – Roads and Drainage Superintendent
Scott Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
Mary Clare Massicotte - Manager of Community Safety
Dave Cusson – Manager of Community Policing
Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage
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Mike Owens, Fire Chief - PAFD
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