
AGENDA – TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

In the City Hall Council Chambers– 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

The following pages list all agenda items received by the deadline [12:00 noon on the Wednesday, one week prior to the scheduled meeting]. For a complete copy of the agenda please refer to the City's website www.portalberni.ca or contact the Director of Infrastructure Services at 250.720.2838 or by email jim_macdonald@portalberni.ca or the Infrastructure Services Clerk at 250.720.2830 or by email engineering@portalberni.ca.

A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. The Committee would like to acknowledge and recognize that we work, live and play in the City of Port Alberni which is situated on the unceded territories of the Tseshaht [čišaaʔath] and Hupačasath First Nations.
2. Late items identified by the Director of Infrastructure Services.

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES -

1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held at 10:00 am on April 17, 2024, as presented.

C. DELEGATIONS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Upper Argyle Street Safety Concerns
2. Lathom Road Traffic Safety Concerns

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. **Correspondence Summary**
 - a. Pacific Rim School District | Appointment of Pacific Rim School District's Advisory Traffic Committee Representatives

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Email communication received from W. Walker regarding traffic safety concerns on Argyle Street, from Harbour Quay to 3rd Avenue.
2. Email communication received from M. Deneault and G. Porter regarding traffic safety concerns on Compton Road, between Margaret St. and Grandview Rd.

G. ROUNDTABLE

H. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourns at PM

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

April 16, 2025
July 16, 2025
October 15, 2025

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Charles Mealey
Mike Fox – CAO
Sara Darling – Director of Corporate Services
Kim Motiuk – Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Jim MacDonald, Director of Infrastructure Services
Clinton Wright – Manager of Operations
Scott Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
Mary Clare Massicotte - Manager of Community Safety & Social Development
Dave Cusson – Manager of Community Policing
Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage
Sgt. Jordan HAMLYN – RCMP, email agenda to Jordan.HAMLYN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Sgt. Ryan Archer – RCMP, email agenda to Ryan.Archer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Mike Owens, Fire Chief - Fire Department
Larry Ransom, Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to lransom@sd70.bc.ca
Chris Washington – Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to cwashington@sd70.bc.ca
Rowena Narayan, Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC, email agenda to Rowena.Narayan@icbc.com
Peggy Gibbs, ICBC, email agenda to margaret.gibbs@icbc.com
Jessica Learn, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, email agenda to jessica.learn@gov.bc.ca
Kathy Deschamps, Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to kathyd@patransit.pwt.ca
David Wiwchar, The Peak, email agenda to david.wiwchar@jpbg.ca

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

City Hall Council Chambers

4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Director of Infrastructure Services, Jim MacDonald
Councillor, Charles Mealey
Trustee, SD70, Christine Washington
Fire Chief, Mike Owens
Director of Corporate Services, Sara Darling [Recording Secretary]

Absent: Diversified Transportation, Kathy Deschamps
ICBC, Rowena Narayan
ICBC, Peggy Gibbs
Ministry of Transportation, Jessica Learn

Staff: Manager of Operations, Clinton Wright
Manager of Community Policing, Dave Cusson

Gallery: 0

A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

MOVED, THAT the agenda be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED, THAT the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held at 10:00 am on January 17, 2024, be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. Pacific Rim School District | Argyle Street Crosswalk Safety Concerns

MOVED, THAT the Traffic Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining opportunities and associated cost implications for additional safety measures on Argyle Street between Anderson Avenue and EJ Dunn Elementary School.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lathom Road Traffic Safety Concerns | Lathom Corridor Traffic Petition

MOVED, THAT the Traffic Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining traffic calming opportunities, including the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Lathom Road and Helen Street and further, that staff proceed with the installation of traffic counts in the area.

G. ROUNDTABLE

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:28 AM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

J. MacDonald, Chair

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

**July 17, 2024
October 16, 2024**

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Charles Mealey
Mike Fox – CAO
Sara Darling – Acting 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
A/Sgt. Jordan Hamlyn – RCMP, email agenda to Jordan.HAMLYN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Sgt. Ryan Archer – RCMP, email agenda to Ryan.Archer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Mike Owens, Fire Chief - PAFD
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November 28, 2024

Re: Appointment of Pacific Rim School District's Traffic Advisory Committee Representatives

To whom it may concern,

I trust this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Pacific Rim School District, I am writing to officially communicate the appointment of representatives to serve as the Pacific Rim School District's Traffic Advisory Committee Representative for the upcoming year.

After careful consideration and consultation, the following Pacific Rim School District's Board Trustee(s) have been selected to represent our District:

1. **Name:** Trustee Chris Washington
Position: Representative
Contact Information: cwashington@sd70.bc.ca
2. **Name:** Trustee Larry Ransom
Position: Representative
Contact Information: lransom@sd70.bc.ca

These representatives have been chosen for their dedication to education, community involvement, and the betterment of our schools. We are confident that their contributions will greatly benefit the collaborative efforts between the Pacific Rim School District and the Traffic Advisory Committee.

We kindly request that you extend any necessary information, support, meeting agendas and minutes to the appointed Trustee as they engage in their duties as the School District's representative. Furthermore, we look forward to a productive and mutually beneficial partnership throughout the upcoming year.

If there are any additional details or arrangements that need attention, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

P. Mason | Manager of Corporate Services | School District 70 Pacific Rim
Direct 250.720.2770 | Office 250.723.3565
4690 Roger Street, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 3Z4 | www.sd70.bc.ca

Pacific Rim School District is situated on the ḥaḥuuli of the c̓išaaʔath, huupačasʔ'ath, ḥaʔuukw̓iʔath, huuḥiiʔath First Nations and yuuluʔitʔath Government, and acknowledges that we work alongside all nuučaan̓ul Nations as well as the Métis Nation of British Columbia to serve the children and youth of the Alberni-Clayoquot region. The district strives to increase awareness, understanding and integration of nuučaan̓ul culture, history, and language in all Pacific Rim School District schools. It is part of our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

To: bylaw <bylaw@portalberni.ca>

Subject: Form submission from: Bylaw Services - Complaint Form

You have received a submission from the Bylaw Services Complaint Form:

Submitted on Saturday, July 6, 2024 - 3:57pm

Full Name: W [REDACTED] Walker

Civic Address:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Location of Alleged Offence: Argyle Street from Harbour Quay to 3rd Avenue Date of Alleged Offence: July 6,

2024 Description of Complaint: Bylaw 4718-4804 states at length about disturbances

to the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, etc of any person. The intersection

of Argyle and Kingsway has three fairly large apartment complexes containing a lot of people who cannot have the peace and quiet mentioned above due to the daily, hourly noise from customized cars and trucks along with the motorcycles, some of which are also customized. The problem results because for their enjoyment they slow down as they approach the intersection and then "give it all they've got". Beyond any kind of bearable noise. Within the last two-three weeks there have been two episodes of a very large group of motorcycles speeding up Argyle from the Quay. One loud motorcycle is enough. Then there's the speed involved. I have been sitting in my living

room and have been disturbed. It's not just when on my deck. Is it

possible to install one of those low impact speed bumps just east of the alley that crosses Argyle mid 5200

block? I am sending you this knowing full well you have perhaps larger fish to fry but this has become a problem disturbing peoples lives. I had to designate a month so I just chose July but believe me it's April to October. Thank you for reading.

-- City of Port Alberni Website

Wed 10/23/2024

City of Port Alberni
Advisory Traffic Committee

Introduction

The purpose of this communication is to address the impact on Compton Road from Margaret Street to Grandview Road within the City of Port Alberni. This communication is requested in conjunction with the planned roundabout on River Road at Beaver Creek Road in an effort to divert traffic from the community of Beaver Creek down to River Road (Highway 4). Currently, high volumes of traffic use Compton Road as a cut through as it is currently difficult to make the left turn from Beaver Creek Road to River Road. When the planned roundabout is completed, it is this submission that traffic should be diverted to River Road thus less impact on Compton Road through the school zone at Tsumas-as Elementary School.

Issues

1. Speeding in the 30 km/hr zone school days from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Compliance with school zone speed limits is almost nonexistent unless the traffic volume is heavy.
2. Speeding in the 50 km/hr zone outside of school days. Many evenings and weekends there is an issue with street racing and excessive speed along Compton Road as it is a long stretch of road with no obstructions.
3. Volume of traffic on Compton Road (mostly from the Community of Beaver Creek). Once the roundabout at Beaver Creek Road at River Road is complete, there is no reason for commuters to use Compton Road to cut through residential areas.
4. Volume of large commercial vehicles is a major issue. Every hour, there are loaded logging trucks, fuel tankers and large commercial vehicles that use Compton Road to avoid the current difficult left turn at River Road. Although understandable, once the roundabout is complete, no commercial vehicles should be using Compton Road.
5. Other notable Motor Vehicle Act Offenses such as Distracted Driving.

Recommendations

1. Speed Hump with marked crosswalk where the current crosswalk is located on Compton Road at Margaret Street. This will slow traffic and allow safe crossing by students during school hours and the general public any hour. (See attached picture)
2. Speed Hump with marked crosswalk where the current bus stop is located at the front doors to the elementary school. (See attached picture)
3. Speed Hump (no crosswalk) on Compton Road at the start of the 30 km/hr school zone to the west of the elementary school.

4. Truck restrictions on Compton Road.

Conclusion

The cost of the four recommendations are minimal as the City of Port Alberni can utilize city staff to add Speed Humps, road markings and signage. The cost is minimal given the impact on young students and resident concerns as mentioned above. It should be noted that the RCMP does not have a Traffic Enforcement Unit and General Duty members do not have resources to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act. It is understood that there is a complaint from residents on Latham Road about the volume of traffic cutting through their area. This submission should also assist the Latham Road issues by diverting traffic to River Road. Many jurisdictions within the province have instituted measures such as 30 km/hr in school zones 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. The City of Calgary has these measures but does not address volume of traffic. There are municipalities on Vancouver Island that have instituted measures similar to this request. Finally, all residents along Compton Road have been canvassed and are in support of this request.

M [REDACTED] Deneault (Retired RCMP-30 years and lived in residence for over 25 years)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

G [REDACTED] Porter (Retired RCMP-18 years Highway Patrol)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

